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on Progress reports in an authorized platform other than WebCat

1. Motion Presenter: Lisa MacFarlane, on behalf of the Academic Program Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 09/28/20, 10/05/20

3. Rationale: The motion would allow Midterm Grade Reports, Early Alerts, or other intermediate progress reports to be submitted using EAB’s myWildcatSuccess software (or other successor software). The advantage of reporting on this platform is that students receive messages instantly, alerting them to problematic performance in one or more classes, instructing them to seek help from their professor or TA, and offering them links to academic support resources. If a college so chooses, the student’s advisor or associate dean can receive the alert simultaneously and can easily download reports showing all students in their college who need prompt academic assistance. This software is easy to use, since faculty receive a course roster with a pull-down menu which they can fill out or forward to their teaching assistants. Finally, it unburdens the Registrar’s Office from conducting the Midterm Grade Reports and allows the message to be sent out by Academic Technology, using powerful software that reduces the time spent on conducting intermediate assessments.

4. Motion: To amend Faculty Senate rule 07.12(fs) to allow intermediate Progress Reports to be submitted using an authorized platform other than Webcat and to amend the 07.12(fs) language in the Student Rights, Rules and Responsibilities as follows: 07.12(fs) Freshman and new transfer reports. Shortly after mid-semester, freshmen and new transfer students will receive progress reports indicating their mid-semester level of performance in all courses. Instructors must report via the authorized platform, a satisfactory or unsatisfactory grading of the student’s performance up to that time for specific courses.

5. Senate action: The motion passed with 59 in favor, none opposed, and 2 abstentions.

6. Senate chair’s signature: ____________________________

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