**Bill 428**

**Correlation between Retention and Graduation Rates a length of study days before finals**

WHEREAS, UAH continues to lag behind in 4, 5, and 6 year graduation rates, and student retention, it becomes important to investigate possible explanations; and

WHEREAS, under the historical, and current, UAH academic schedule, there is typically one day between the end of classes and the start of final examinations, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Faculty Senate of the University of Alabama in Huntsville request that the University of Alabama in Huntsville, contract an educational consulting service, such as Hanover Research, to conduct a regional and nationwide survey of Higher Education institutions and report on the retention and graduation rates of these institutions along with the number of days between the end of classes and the beginning of finals. As a part of this survey, we request information as to how may finals in a given day the other institutions’ allow.