The Student Senate
68th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Senator Elizabeth Schaller, Liberal Arts Caucus
Academic Affairs Chair Nicholas Page, Engineering Caucus

Action Taken: PASSED

Certified By: Aaron Mitchell
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved: Joseph Benigno
Student Body President

S.B. 68-30

Course Drop Rules Compliance Bill

"A bill requesting that the Academic Calendar and Course Registration System be modified to comply with Student Rules."

Whereas(1): Texas A&M University Student Rules, Part I: Academic Rules, Section 1, Subsection 17, part 2 reads:

"1.17.2 A student may drop a course with no record during the first twelve class days of a fall or spring semester and during the first four class days of a summer term or a 10-week summer semester. Following this period, if approved by the Dean or designee of the College or his or her designee, a student may drop a course without academic penalty through the 60th class day of a fall or spring semester, the 15th class day of summer term or the 35th class day of a 10-week summer semester. The symbol Q shall be given to indicate a drop without academic penalty. Undergraduate students will normally be permitted four Q-drops during their undergraduate studies at Texas A&M University, regardless of transfer status. State law prohibits students from having more than six dropped courses from all state institutions attended during their undergraduate career if they entered higher education as first-time enrolled freshman beginning the 2007 fall semester and thereafter. For exceptions see Rule 1.18."
Whereas(2): Students are explicitly allocated by the student rules the first twelve class days to drop a course with no record and with no necessary approval; and,

Whereas(3): The Course Registration System and University Academic Calendar as it stands only allows and advertises to students the first five class days to add or drop a course without record, penalty or permission.

Therefore
Let it be
Enacted(1): The official University Academic Calendar be modified to comply with Texas A&M University Student Rules by noting that students can drop classes without record, penalty or permission through the first twelve class days; and

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Further
Enacted(2): The Course Registration System within Howdy be modified to allow students to drop classes on their own, without Q-drop or any other penalty, through the twelfth day of class as compliant with the student rules; and

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Enacted(3): This legislation, upon passage, should be sent to the following administrators:

Dr. Karan L. Watson – Provost and Executive Vice President
Dr. Ann L. Kenimer – Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies
Ms. Heidick – Registrar of Texas A&M University