



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 69-10

The Student Senate
69th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Senator Nicholas Page, Engineering Caucus

Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:

Joseph Hood
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Hannah Wimberly
Student Body President

Establishment of Course End Date Bill

"A bill to establish in the Texas A&M Student Rules that the Final Examination date and time for a course be the official end of that course."

- Whereas(1):** The Texas A&M Student rules do not set an official end date for a course, except for the implicit limit of when final grades are due; and,
- Whereas(2):** The existing Student Rules Part I - §8.2 sets positive precedent by including a provision to help students do well on their exams during scheduled final examination time; and,
- Whereas(3):** Students often wish or need to leave campus after their last scheduled final exam of the semester in order to spend time with family, return to jobs, leave for planned trips, etc.; and,
- Whereas(4):** Students currently can be assigned and/or required to submit assignments/final projects up until the day that grades are due by the University, in addition to having a final examination for the same class; and,
- Whereas(5):** Students now, per the University Academic Calendar, have only one reading day to prepare directly preceding final examinations; and



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Whereas(6): Many students are taking six or more final exams in the few day period allocated to final examinations, which may be worth upwards of 50% of their final grade in each respective class; and

Whereas(7): Assignments can often take a very large amount of time of continuous work to complete, which could have markedly negative effects on students' final exam performance or require them to stay in town five or more days past the last day of scheduled final exams, perhaps missing culturally important holidays, job start dates, etc. due to this delay.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the Texas A&M Student Rules be amended to include a provision that states that no gradable course material can be required to be submitted after the scheduled day and time of the course final examination per the University Academic Calendar; and

Let it be

Further

Enacted(2): That the Texas A&M Student Rules also be amended to include a provision that states that all out-of-class assignments, projects or otherwise gradable materials must be assigned with all necessary details to satisfactorily complete the material given to the student three days prior to the first regularly scheduled final examination date, per the University Academic Calendar, in order to give students adequate time to plan their work and study schedule; and

Let it be

Further

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

- Michael K. Young – President of Texas A&M University
- Dr. Karan L. Watson – Provost and Executive Vice President
- Dr. Guy Battle – Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee Chair
- Dr. Len Bierman – Speaker of the Faculty Senate
- Dr. Angie Hill-Price – Speaker-Elect of the Faculty Senate
- Dr. Ann L. Kenimer – Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies
- Dr. Karen Butler-Purry – Associate Provost for Graduate and Professional Studies
- Ms. Heidick – Registrar of Texas A&M University