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The Student Senate 70th Session Texas A&M University

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Action Taken

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Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Bobby Brooks

Student Body President

Interview Absence Bill

"A bill modifying Student Rule 7 for excused absences"

Whereas(1): Texas A&M University has high rankings by professional recruiters, and students in some cases are being penalized for trying to secure internships, professional jobs, and/or graduate school positions as a means to further develop their

education or careers; and,

Whereas(2): The Texas A&M University Mission Statement reads: "[Texas A&M] prepares students to assume roles in leadership, responsibility and service to society." assuring the world-class faculty's commitment to give students the proper

opportunities in order to fulfill that goal; and,



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Whereas(3): The university attendance policy is broad and at times creates conflict with instructors, and students who deserve to explore their career and educational options and are often needing to engage with corporate/institutional recruiters beforehand in order to foster relationships with their prospective employer/school.

Therefore Let it be

Enacted(1):

Student Rule 7.3 Absences will include the following wording per the University Rules and Regulations Committee proposal, under Section 7.3.2 Excused Absences Defined by Texas A&M University: "7.3.2.6 Mandatory interviews for employment, internships, or professional or graduate school which cannot be rescheduled. The student must provide documentation confirming that the interview cannot be rescheduled."; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (2): After being approved by the Faculty Senate and University President Michael K. Young, the faculty and staff members, as well as the student body will be properly notified of the revision to the rule; and,

Let it be Further

Enacted(3):

Instructors should provide, within reason, the opportunity to make up work for students who miss class for post-graduate or career-related interviews, under the circumstances when there is no opportunity for students to re-schedule these meetings (only in the cases of internships, full-time employment, or graduate school interviews.); and,



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Further

Enacted(4):

A copy of this bill be sent to:

Dr. Angie Price, Speaker of the Faculty Senate

Dr. Anne Reber, Dean of Student Life

Dr. Daniel J. Pugh, Sr., Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Leigh Turner, Executive Director of the Career Center

John Sharp, Chancellor of Texas A&M University

Michael K. Young, President of Texas A&M University

Dr. Carol A. Fierke, Provost and Executive Vice President

The Battalion