



# The Student Senate

## Texas A&M University

S.B. 68-03

The Student Senate  
68th Session  
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: ~~Academic Affairs Chair~~ Nicholas Page, Engineering

Action Taken



Unanimous vote 05/04/15

Certified By:

*Aaron Mitchell '16*  
Aaron Mitchell  
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

*Joseph Benigno '16*  
Joseph Benigno  
Student Body President

### The Preparation Days Bill *Special Designation: Emergency Legislation*

*"A bill requesting that the Academic Calendar be modified to comply with Student Rules."*

**Whereas(1):** Texas A&M University Student Rules, Part I: Academic Rules, Section 8, Subsection I reads:

8.1 Final examinations are not mandatory for undergraduate or graduate course instruction. If, however, a final examination is required by the instructor, then it shall be designed to be taken during a period not to exceed two hours. One credit hour courses may give final examinations during the last scheduled class period, but not during the final exam period. During the fall and spring semesters, the end-of-the-semester schedule shall be as follows: In the 15th week of the semester, students attend classes Monday and Tuesday and have two days of preparation time—"reading days"—on Wednesday and Thursday. Monday and Tuesday of this week are "prep days," meaning no regular course examinations (except for laboratory and one-hour courses) shall be given on these days. Examinations shall begin on Friday of the 15th week, will resume on Monday of the 16th week of the semester and will conclude on Wednesday of the same week. All final examinations shall be given in accordance with the schedule published by the Office of the Registrar. Commencement shall be scheduled for Friday and Saturday of the 16th week.

**Whereas(2):** This rule explicitly dictates two days of preparation time, Wednesday and Thursday of the 15<sup>th</sup> week of the semester, where no regular course examinations shall be given, and that examinations begin on the Friday of the same week; and,



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Further Certified By: Aaron Mitchell '16  
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**Whereas(3):** The official University Academic Calendar published by the registrar indicates Wednesday and Thursday of the 15<sup>th</sup> week not being “reading days”, with Thursday being the first day of final examinations for all students.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(1):** The official University Academic Calendar be modified to comply with Texas A&M University Student Rules by establishing the Wednesday and Thursday of the 15<sup>th</sup> week of the semester as days of preparation time and the Friday of the 15<sup>th</sup> week as the first day of examinations for all students, specifically for the already posted Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 semesters.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(2):** As future academic semesters are added to the University Academic Calendar, the posted 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> week of the semester examination schedule be compliant with Texas A&M University Student Rules.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(3):** That a copy of this bill be sent to:

- Dr. Karan Watson, Provost of Academic Affairs
- Dr. Ann L. Kenimer, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies
- Counsellor Deena J McConnell, Associate Vice President for Administration & Academic Affairs