



# The Student Senate

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## Texas A&M University

S.B. 68-31

The Student Senate  
68th Session  
Texas A&M University

**Introduced By:** Nicholas Page, Academic Affairs Committee Chair, Engineering Caucus  
**Sponsored By:** Senator Ryan Simpson, Off Campus Caucus

**Action Taken**

**PASSED**

*By voice vote 12/2/15*

**Certified By:**

*Aaron Mitchell 12/3/15*  
Aaron Mitchell  
Speaker of the Senate

**Duly Approved:**

*Joseph Benigno 12/16*  
Joseph Benigno  
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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Further Certified By:

*Aaron Mitchell 1/6*  
Aaron Mitchell  
Speaker of the Senate  
*12/3/15*

**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 no assignment, project or otherwise gradable material may be assigned one week prior to the first final examination date, per the University Academic Calendar, or after this date 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. Dave Parrot – Faculty Senate Rules and Regulations Committee Chair,  
Executive Associate Vice President and Chief of Staff for Student Affairs  
Dr. Ann L. Kenimer – Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies  
Ms. Heidick – Registrar of Texas A&M University