



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

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**The Student Senate
68th Session
Texas A&M University**

Introduced By: Vincent M. Turner, Off Campus Caucus

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Action Taken:



Certified By:

Aaron Mitchell
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Joseph Benigno
Student Body President

The Interview Excuse Bill

"A bill requesting that the University absence policy be amended to allow students excuses for job interviews."

- Whereas(1):** Post-graduate employment statistics are major metrics on which the University is judged and ranked; and,
- Whereas(2):** There is no guarantee that a student can be excused from class, an exam, or lab session due to having a job interview; and,
- Whereas(3):** The Aggie Network benefits significantly from having graduating students acquiring the best post-graduation employment possible; and,
- Whereas(4):** Students need assurance that they can pursue employment in a professional manner, while also fulfilling their obligations as a student; and,



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Whereas(5): Interviews for graduate school admissions are already allowed as University excused absences.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): Student Rule 7.1 be amended to allow students at least two University excused absences per semester for internships, cooperative education, or post-graduation full-time employment interviews; and,

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Further

Enacted(2): These absences will be counted for at least two hours prior to and thirty minutes after an on-campus interview and the entire class day or two, as appropriate, for off-campus interviews; and,

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Enacted(3): Students must provide documentation from the employer confirming the interview time and date, and if the interview conflicts with an exam, also include confirmation that the interview cannot be moved to a time and date that does not conflict with the exam; and,

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Enacted(4): Any dishonesty or deception in the use of this excuse policy be treated as an honor code violation in the same manner as all other violations regarding excused absences; and,

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Further

Enacted(5): A copy of this bill, upon its passage, be sent to the following:

Michael Young, President of Texas A&M University
John Sharp, Chancellor of Texas A&M University
Dr. Karan L. Watson, Ph.D., P.E., Provost
Dr. Dave Parrot, Faculty Senate Rules and Regulations Committee Chair
Dr. Leigh Turner, Career Center Executive Director
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The Deans of each College at Texas A&M University