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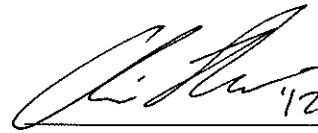
The Student Senate  
66th Session  
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Senator Michael Dror  
Academic Affairs Chair Jason Wood  
Senator Carrie Verwers

Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:

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Christopher Russo  
Speaker of the Senate

## Excused Absence Expansion Bill *Special Designation: Senate By-Law Bill*

*"A bill to excuse absences for Senators attending job interviews and recruitment dinners"*

**Whereas(1):** Members of the Texas A&M Senate will eventually leave this University in pursuit of careers and financial stability,

**Whereas(2):** Prospective candidates often have little control over the schedule of their job interviews, and must work to accommodate their future employers, and

**Whereas(3):** It is unfair to punish those who miss Senate meetings as a result of factors beyond their control, such as job interviews,



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**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Enacted(1):** That Section IV, subsection (b) of the Senate By-laws be changed to read:

(a) An excused absence shall be defined as:

- (1) An excused university absence as defined in the University Regulations
- (2) An absence due to a departmentally scheduled exam
- (3) An absence that the Officers of the Senate deem of merit. All such excused absences must be approved by a majority vote of the Internal Affairs Committee.
- (4) An absence received as a result of attendance at a professional interview or dinner, provided that the senator provides notification of attendance to the Speaker Pro-Tempore and has not previously used this excuse more than twice during the current Session.

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Enacted(2):** That should the University Regulations be changed to include absences caused by interviews, clause (4) will be deleted from the Senate by-laws.