



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-21

The Student Senate
64th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Academic Affairs Chair Brody Smith, Off-Campus
Senator Kevin Markowski, Off-Campus

Action Taken

PASSED
February 22, 2012

Certified By:

Tanner Wilson
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

Jeff Rickerling
Student Body President

First Year Grade Exclusion Elimination and Q-Drop Policy Reform Bill

“An Act Bill supporting the elimination of the First Year Grade Exclusion policy, as well as the reformation of the current Q-Drop allowances of Texas A&M University.”

- Whereas(1):** The State of Texas Education Code allows a student to drop a combined total of six (6) courses from all institutions attended during his/her academic career; and,
- Whereas(2):** Texas A&M University currently permits only three (3) Q-Drops, excluding one-hour courses; and,
- Whereas(3):** Texas A&M’s First Year Grade Exclusion policy cannot be invoked by transfer students, yet all Texas A&M students remain limited to three (3) Q-Drops in three-hour courses; and,
- Whereas(4):** The Office of the Registrar at Texas A&M University maintains that “students should be aware that employers, professional schools (including professional schools that are a part of Texas A&M University), undergraduate schools to which A&M students may seek to transfer, and graduate schools may recalculate the GPR to include such grades” subject to the policy of First Year Grade Exclusion, rendering the policy itself to be effectively meaningless; and,



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Whereas (5): The First Year Grade Exclusion Policy may deceive students to believe that grades earned during their freshman year are of little importance to their future prospects of success; and,

Whereas (6): A perceived remedy for poor academic performance must be replaced with the extension of opportunities for genuine recourse.

Therefore

Let it be

Enacted(1): That the Student Senate of Texas A&M University requests the elimination of the First Year Grade Exclusion policy by Fall 2013 or as soon as possible; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted(2): That the Student Senate of Texas A&M University requests that students be allowed to Q-Drop classes at the deadline of the 60th class day in the fall and spring semesters. This allows students to base their decision to drop based on information not speculation regarding more graded material being available; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (3): That the Student Senate of Texas A&M University requests that students transferring to Texas A&M University with sixty (60) or more transferable credits hours will be permitted only up to (3) Q-Drops, pursuant to the Education Code of the State of Texas; and,

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Further

Enacted (4): That the Student Senate of Texas A&M University requests that student be allowed to utilize four Q-Drops (after the dissolution of FYGE) which will allow for easier transitions between majors, more ease of transition for advisors, and to accommodate more students leaving general studies; and,

Let it be

Further

Enacted (5) That the Texas A&M University Student Senate requests that a course in which a student is required to be enrolled concurrently with a lecture course, such as a laboratory or discussion course, will not be considered to be a separate course, pursuant to the Education Code of the State of Texas; and,



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Enacted(6): That a copy of this legislation be sent to the following faculty members within 5 days of being passed in Senate:

- EVP for Academic Affairs Karen Watson
 - Interim Associate Provost for Undergraduate Services, Dr. James Kracht
- The Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee
- The Academic Operations Committee