



The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-27

The Student Senate
64th Session
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Senator Chris Esparza
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Unanimous
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Certified By:

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Tanner Wilson
Speaker of the Senate

Duly Approved:

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Syllabus Availability Bill

"A bill requesting the University more efficiently comply with Texas state law in ensuring class syllabi are posted online for all students to view."

- Whereas(1):** Texas HB 2504, by Representative Kolkhorst signed into law in 2009, is an act requiring a public institution of higher education to establish uniform standards for publishing cost of attendance information, to conduct student course evaluations of faculty and to make certain information available on the internet; and,
- Whereas(2):** Sec. 51.974 of the law relates to internet access to course information and establishes that each institution of higher education make available to the public a syllabus for each undergraduate classroom course offered for credit; and,
- Whereas(3):** The state law only requires that the syllabus be posted no later than the seventh day after the first day of classes; and,
- Whereas(4):** The bill's author, Representative Kolkhorst, explains that "having course syllabi available online is an easy way to give students access to information about courses;" and,



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Further Certified By: *Tanner Wilson*
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Whereas(5): Despite the intent of the law being to provide students more information when choosing classes, the University's policy doesn't require the information be posted until, at latest, the seventh day after classes have begun.

Therefore
Let it be

Enacted(1): That the Texas A&M University Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, requests that the university go above and beyond current state law and adopt a policy to have a class syllabus posted no later than the first day of classes in an effort to provide students with the best information possible when choosing classes; and,

Let it be
Further

Enacted(2): That a copy of this legislation be provided to the Texas A&M University Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Karan Watson, the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Chair, and the Academic Operations Committee Chair.