

The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 72-28

The Student Senate
72nd Session
Texas A&M University

The Brick-and-Mortar Option Resolution

"A resolution expressing support for an investigation of the feasibility of a policy requiring every online class to have at least one brick-and-mortar section available"

Action Taken

PASSED

Certified By:

Eric Mendoza

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Speaker of the Senate

Introduced By: Tate Banks, Chair of Academic Affairs, Off-Campus Caucus
Regan McGill, Chair of Student Services, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Sponsored By: Lindsay Uhlik, Off-Campus Caucus

Whereas(1): Texas A&M University offers many online classes as the only option to accomplish degree requirements; and,

Whereas(2): Online classes do not offer the same amount of camaraderie, social interaction, networking opportunities, or direction that brick-and-mortar classes do; and,

Whereas(3): Camaraderie, social interaction, networking, direction are all very important aspects of maintaining positive mental health, and a lack thereof can decrease motivation, excitement, and focus; and,

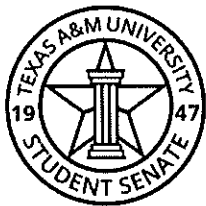
Whereas(4): Many online classes are primarily "busy work" and many students claim to learn more in traditional classroom settings; and,

Whereas(5): Online classes are more expensive and can be financially difficult for some students.

Therefore

Let it be

Resolved(1): That the 72nd Session of the Student Senate supports an initiative to look into the feasibility of a policy mandating at least one brick-and-mortar section for every class that Texas A&M University offers online; and,



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Resolved(2): That the 72nd Session of the Student Senate would like to see that no student be required to take an online class with no other option; and,

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Resolved(3): That the Student Senate recognizes the challenges this would pose and is eager to communicate further with faculty and administration on the subject; and,

Let it be

Further

Resolved(4): A copy of this resolution be sent to:
Dr. Jocelyn Widmer, Assistant Provost for Academic Innovation
Carol Fierke, Provost, Texas A&M University
The Battalion