

Resolution 13-18

Senator George, President Pro-Tempore

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A RESOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE  
ENCOURAGING THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI TO AMEND POLICY CODE  
ACA.AR.200.002 IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI POLICY DIRECTORY  
REGARDING THE LAST WEEK OF CLASS.

WHEREAS, the current policy reads:

**Last Week of Class** The following guidelines exist to allow sufficient time for students and instructors to prepare for final examinations. These guidelines apply to the week preceding final examinations for undergraduate courses held during Fall and Spring semesters. During the period of Wednesday through Friday of the last week of class, instructors are not to give exams, tests, or quizzes that contribute more than 10% of the final grade for a class. An instructor can obtain approval of the department chair and dean to give an exam, test, or quiz, of this weight, during this three day period. Instructors should return graded work and/or inform students of their grades on exams, tests, or quizzes prior to the beginning of finals week. Exceptions to the above statement are automatically made for lab-based courses, technical writing courses, seminar courses that assign a term paper, and senior design courses that assign a multi-faceted project in lieu of a final exam. Major projects of the above types, which contribute more than 10% of the final grade and which are due during this Last Week period, should be assigned in the syllabus at the beginning of the semester and any substantial change in the assignment should be made known to students before the drop deadline;

WHEREAS, the amended policy will read:

**Reading Days** The following guidelines exist to allow sufficient time for students and instructors to prepare for final examinations. These guidelines apply to the week preceding final examinations for undergraduate courses held during Fall and Spring semesters known as "Reading Days." During the period of Monday through Friday of the last week of class, instructors are not to give exams, tests, or quizzes that contribute more than 10% of the final grade for a class. Instructors should return graded work and/or inform students of their grades on exams, tests, or quizzes prior to the beginning of finals week. Exceptions to the above statement are automatically made for lab-based courses,

technical writing courses, seminar courses that assign a term paper, and senior design courses that assign a multi-faceted project in lieu of a final exam. Major projects of the above types, which contribute more than 10% of the final grade and which are due during this "Reading Days" period, should be assigned in the syllabus at the beginning of the semester and any substantial change in the assignment should be made known to students before the drop deadline.

WHEREAS, the current policy <sup>only provides school days before final</sup> gives students three days <sup>in which</sup> free from exams, tests, or quizzes that contribute to more than 10% of the final grade for a class; <sup>are not permitted</sup>

WHEREAS, the current guidelines do not allow sufficient time for students to prepare for final examinations;

WHEREAS, the amended policy will give students five <sup>school days before final</sup> days <sup>in which</sup> free from exams, tests, or quizzes that contribute to more than 10% of the final grade for a class; <sup>are not permitted</sup>

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WHEREAS, the current policy allows an instructor to obtain approval of the "department chair and dean to give an exam, test, or quiz, of this weight, during this three day period";

WHEREAS, the amended policy does not allow the department chair and dean to approve instructors to give an exam, test, or quiz contributing to more than 10% of the final grade during this five day period; <sup>including\*</sup>

WHEREAS, many universities have a "Reading Days" policy that lasts for five days giving students <sup>sufficient</sup> ample time to study for final exams, which count for a large percentage of final grades. <sup>Among these universities are the</sup> University of Kentucky, the University of Oregon, the University of Alabama, Louisiana State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the University of Texas;

WHEREAS, amending Policy Code ACA.AR.200.002 in the University of Mississippi Policy Directory regarding the last week of class will benefit the student body of the University of Mississippi by allowing them more time to prepare for final examinations contributing to their physical and mental well-being;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY SENATE ENCOURAGES THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI TO AMEND POLICY CODE ACA.AR.200.002 <sup>as described above</sup> IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI POLICY DIRECTORY REGARDING THE LAST WEEK OF CLASS.

Date of Introduction \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Consideration \_\_\_\_\_

Committee Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_

Action of the Campus Senate \_\_\_\_\_

Senate President \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

ASB President \_\_\_\_\_

Administrative Acknowledgement

Dean of Students \_\_\_\_\_ Vice Chancellor \_\_\_\_\_

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