



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Resolution 31-06

A Resolution Regarding a Modification to the University Add/Drop Schedule

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WHEREAS, the University of Georgia strives and aims to help students in their academic journey; and,

WHEREAS, the current University of Georgia Add/Drop Period is a five or seven day period where students may add or drop a class without a penalty;¹ and,

WHEREAS, the current five or seven day period allows for a single day for each of the given weekday block of classes;² and,

WHEREAS, with this given schedule, UGA students may only have two opportunities to meet in their Tuesday/Thursday classes and three opportunities to attend their Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes; and,

WHEREAS, if a student changes their classes on the last two days of the short Add/Drop Period, students may not have the opportunity to ensure the change matches their expectations and needs; and,

WHEREAS, students change their class schedule at the beginning of the semester based upon scheduling for work, extracurriculars, and transportation options; and,

WHEREAS, the current five or seven weekday period is not sufficient for students to be able to experience their classes and pursue a schedule that is comfortable and efficient for them; and,

¹ University of Georgia, Office of the Registrar, Academic Calendar, <https://osfa.uga.edu/policies/enrollment-and-financial-aid/dropping-courses-vs-withdrawing/>

² University of Georgia, Office of the Registrar, Academic Calendar, <https://reg.uga.edu/general-information/calendars/academic-calendars/>

WHEREAS, many of the University of Georgia peer and aspirational institutions have Add/Drop Periods, such as the University of California – Berkley³, University of Texas⁴, University of Michigan⁵, University of Virginia⁶, Harvard University⁷, and Yale University⁸ have Add/Drop Periods that are longer than seven days; and,

WHEREAS, students will be responsible for all required material covered in the published course syllabus – even if adding the class after the first day of classes; and,

WHEREAS, an increase in the length of the Add/Drop Period would be extremely helpful for the UGA Student body; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st Administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, recommends that the University of Georgia add two days to the current Add/Drop Period to allow students to find their best possible schedule; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the 31st Administration of the Student Government Association, upon passage, will establish a formal bill in the University Council of the University of Georgia to continue research into how to effectively implement this proposal.

³ University of California - Berkley, Office of the Registrar, Academic Calendar,

https://registrar.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/UCB_StudentEnrollmentCalendar_2018-19_V12.pdf

⁴ University of Texas, Office of the Registrar, Academic Calendar, <https://registrar.utexas.edu/calendars/18-19>

⁵ University of Michigan, Office of the Registrar, Academic Calendar,

https://ro.umich.edu/sites/default/files/calendar/pdfs/Cal_2018-2019.pdf

⁶ University of Virginia, Office of the Registrar, Academic Calendar, http://college.as.virginia.edu/2018-2019_calendar

⁷ Harvard University, Office of the Registrar, Academic Calendar, <https://gsas.harvard.edu/academic-calendar-2018-2019>

⁸ Yale University, Office of the Registrar, Academic Calendar, <http://catalog.yale.edu/ycps/calendar/>