



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Resolution 31-15

A Resolution to Implement a Policy in Which Students May Reschedule a Third Test Within a Twenty-Four-Hour Period

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WHEREAS, current University of Georgia in conjunction with Office of Curriculum Systems policy allows students to reschedule a final exam if they have three exams within a 24-hour period that starts when the first test begins; and,

WHEREAS, students have urged the Student Government Association for this a change they would like to see to alleviate some of the stress associated with taking three tests in such a short period; and,

WHEREAS, the problem with taking so many tests is that students do not feel prepared for their tests, and that leads to undue stress which can then lead to below average performance; and,

WHEREAS, all of these various stressors are not conducive to positive mental health and can take an emotional toll on students; and,

WHEREAS, issues included that the below average performance on an test leads to a lower than normal score which then leads to more pressure surrounding grades in classes; and,

WHEREAS, as an advocate for students, and the bridge between students and the administration of the University we believe is it our job to bring attention to this issue and propose a solution that will best serve the University; and,

WHEREAS, in a survey that we conducted in which we asked 132 Deans and Department heads if they would be willing to adopt such a policy, 57.57% responded that they were in favor of such a policy, 28.79% responded that they were opposed to such a policy, while 13.64% responded that they would be willing to implement the policy on a case by case basis. Not only is this a policy supported by the student body, but also by faculty.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the 31st administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, recommends to the Educational Affairs Committee of

University Council to implement a policy to allow students move a test if the student has three tests within a twenty-four-hour period; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a policy require students, within one week after the drop add period, must provide documentation in the form of a syllabus to show conflicting test schedules. The student and instructor must meet to discuss a new date for the conflicting test. If an instructor chooses not to honor a request to reschedule an test, the student reserves the right to contact the department head. If an instructor makes adjustments to their syllabus, a student has three days to notify the instructor of record of this new conflict and must sit down with the instructor to reschedule said conflicting test; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Student Government Association urges the University to extend this policy beyond the finals period into the regular academic school year; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVE, upon passage of this legislation, Ammishaddai Grand-Jean will take the legislation through the appropriate channels in order to make this proposal a campus wide policy.


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