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3 **STUDENT SENATE**

4 **S15RS**

5 **SGR No. 28**

6 **BY: SENATOR BOPP**

7 **A RESOLUTION**

8 **TO URGE AND REQUEST THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY (LSU) OFFICE OF**
9 **THE REGISTRAR REEVALUATE THE FINALS WEEK SCHEDULE, SPECIFICALLY**
10 **SATURDAY FINALS**

11 **PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, CURRENTLY NINE (9) COURSES HAVE SATURDAY
12 FINALS AND STUDENTS FACING SATURDAY FINALS ENCOUNTER
13 AN ATMOSPHERE UNSUITABLE FOR TEST TAKING; AND

14 **PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE ATMOSPHERE IS UNFAVORABLE BECAUSE
15 STUDENTS ARE CONDITIONED TO LEARN AND BE TESTED ON
16 INFORMATION IN SIMILAR CONDITIONS, NOT ON A USUAL DAY OF
17 REST; AND

18 **PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THE ATMOSPHERE IS UNFAVORABLE DUE TO THE
19 COMMOTION AND DISTRACTIONS OF STUDENTS REQUIRED TO
20 MOVE OUT RESIDENTIAL HOUSING BY THE SUNDAY FOLLOWING
21 THE END OF FINAL EXAMINATIONS; AND

22 **PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, THE CURRENT EXAMINATION SCHEDULE DOES NOT
23 ALLOW ENOUGH TIME BETWEEN THE END OF SATURDAY FINALS
24 AND THE DEADLINE FOR GRADES DUE FOR FACULTY TO GRADE
25 EXAMS, ESPECIALLY FOR ESSAY-BASED TESTS; AND

26 **PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, IN A SURVEY GIVEN TO STUDENTS, SEVENTY-TWO
27 PERCENT (72%) OF STUDENTS DISAGREE WITH HAVING TO TAKE
28 SATURDAY FINALS; AND

29 **PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, WHILE ELIMINATING SATURDAY FINALS ALTOGETHER
30 MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE, SEVENTY-FOUR PERCENT (74%) OF
31 STUDENTS IN THE SURVEY PREFERRED FINALS TO BE HELD ON
32 THE SATURDAY BEFORE FINALS WEEK RATHER THAN THE LAST
33 DAY OF FINALS WEEK; AND

34 **PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR SHOULD LOOK INTO
35 MOVING FINAL EXAMINATIONS FROM THE SATURDAY THAT ENDS
36 FINALS WEEK TO AN EARLIER DATE; AND

37 **PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, A POTENTIAL SOLUTION IS TO MOVE EXAMINATIONS
38 TO THE SATURDAY BEFORE FINAL EXAM WEEK, ALLOWING FOR
39 SUNDAY TO BE A DAY OF INDEPENDENT STUDY; AND

40 **PARAGRAPH 9:** WHEREAS, THIS WOULD ALSO REQUIRE DEAD WEEK TO BE AN
41 ENTIRE WEEK UTILIZED FOR STUDYING AND FORBIDDING TESTS,
42 QUIZZES, AND OTHER ASSIGNMENTS DUE DURING THAT WEEK.

55 **PARAGRAPH 10:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE LOUISIANA STATE
56 UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE URGES AND REQUESTS THE LSU
57 OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR TO REEVALUATE THE FINALS WEEK
58 SCHEDULE, SPECIFICALLY SATURDAY FINALS, AND
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60 **PARAGRAPH 11:** BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A COPY OF THIS
61 RESOLUTION BE TRANSMITTED TO EXECUTIVE VICE
62 CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST DR. STUART BELL, UNIVERSITY
63 REGISTRAR ROBERT DOOLOS, AND THE UNIVERSITY CALENDAR
64 COMMITTEE.
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66 **PARAGRAPH 12:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A
67 SIMPLE MAJORITY (ONE-HALF PLUS ONE) VOTE TO THE LSU
68 STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT, UPON
69 LAPSE OF TIME FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL ACTION, OR IF VOTED BY
70 THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE,
71 ON THE DATE OF SUCH APPROVAL.
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105 **SPEAKER OF THE SENATE**

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DATE: _____

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104 **CLAYTON TUFTS**
105 **STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT**

DATE: _____