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## STUDENT SENATE

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## SGR No. 7

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**A RESOLUTION****TO URGE AND REQUEST ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ADJUST ITS POLICY REGARDING THE  
CONCENTRATED STUDY PERIOD.**

- PARAGRAPH 1:** WHEREAS, THERE CURRENTLY EXISTS A PERIOD OF TIME IMMEDIATELY BEFORE FINAL EXAMINATIONS NAMED THE CONCENTRATED STUDY PERIOD; AND
- PARAGRAPH 2:** WHEREAS, THE INTENDED PURPOSE OF THIS PERIOD OF TIME IS FOR STUDENTS TO BE ABLE TO PREPARE FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMINATIONS WITHOUT OTHER PROJECTS, PAPERS OR TESTS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 3:** WHEREAS, THE DEFINITION OF A PROJECT CURRENTLY CAUSES CONFUSION AS SOME TEACHERS ASSUME THAT QUIZZES AND TESTS ARE PROJECTS LISTED IN THE SYLLABUS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 4:** WHEREAS, PROJECTS SHALL NOW BE STRICTLY DEFINED AS CONSTRUCTIVE ASSIGNMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND THE LIKE THAT MUST BE WORKED ON THROUGHOUT THE MAJORITY OF THE SEMESTER; AND
- PARAGRAPH 5:** WHEREAS, THE CURRENT POLICY ALLOWS FOR PROFESSORS TO GIVE TESTS OR QUIZZES UP TO 10% OF THE FINAL GRADE; AND
- PARAGRAPH 6:** WHEREAS, THIS EXCEPTION IN THE POLICY DEFEATS THE PURPOSE OF THE CONCENTRATED STUDY PERIOD, AS STUDENTS ARE FOCUSING ON THESE EXAMINATIONS INSTEAD OF THEIR FINAL EXAMINATIONS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 7:** WHEREAS, ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SHOULD FIRMLY ESTABLISH A NO-TOLERANCE POLICY FOR ANY GRADED MATERIAL TO BE ASSIGNED FOR THIS TIME PERIOD TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE CONCENTRATED STUDY PERIOD; AND
- PARAGRAPH 8:** WHEREAS, EXEMPTIONS TO THIS POLICY WOULD BE THOSE CLASSES CONSIDERED LABORATORY RELATED COURSES, WHICH NORMALLY ISSUE FINAL EXAMINATIONS DURING OR BEFORE THE CONCENTRATED STUDY PERIOD, AND PROJECTS LISTED IN THE SYLLABUS; AND
- PARAGRAPH 9:** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY AGRICULTURAL AND MECHANICAL COLLEGE URGE AND REQUEST ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO PROHIBIT ANY GRADED WORK FROM BEING ASSIGNED DURING THE CONCENTRATED STUDY PERIOD OTHER THAN MATERIAL GRADED IN LAB COURSES

AND PROJECTS LISTED IN THE SYLLABUS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF SAID PERIOD; AND

**PARAGRAPH 10:** BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF PROJECTS IN THE GENERAL CATALOG TO MEAN CONSTRUCTIVE ASSIGNMENTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND THE LIKE THAT MUST BE WORKED ON THROUGHOUT THE MAJORITY OF THE SEMESTER; AND

**PARAGRAPH 11:** BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT A SUITABLE COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION BE FORWARDED TO STACIA HAYNIE, VICE PROVOST; JANE CASSIDY, VICE PROVOST; JACK HAMILTON, EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLOR AND PROVOST; AND MICHAEL V. MARTIN, CHANCELLOR.

**PARAGRAPH 12:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON PASSAGE BY A MAJORITY (1/2) VOTE OF THE LSU STUDENT SENATE AND SIGNATURE BY THE PRESIDENT; UPON LAPSE OF TIME FOR PRESIDENTIAL ACTION; OR IF VETOED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY APPROVED BY THE SENATE.

Approved:

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**Brooksie Bonvillain**  
**Speaker of the Senate**

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**J Ryan Hudson**  
**Student Body President**