

A Resolution to Canvass for the Creation of a Final Exam Policy at The Ohio State University

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Whereas the Undergraduate Student Government represents all undergraduate students at The Ohio State University, and

Whereas the final exam period is often a time of high stress for students, and

Whereas there is currently no policy in place concerning the scheduling of multiple final exams in one day and thus accommodations are currently only made at the discretion of the instructor, and

Whereas many academic institutions across the nation already have a similar absence policy in place, including Michigan, Illinois, Penn State, Michigan State, Purdue, Minnesota, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Rutgers, Maryland, Columbia, Dartmouth, University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, Miami of Ohio, and Ohio (See Appendix A), and

Whereas at Ohio State a single exam period is 105 minutes, and some students may be subject to taking three exams consecutively, for a total of 315 minutes or 5 hours and 15 minutes of consecutive testing, and others are scheduled to take four exams in a single day, for a total of 420 minutes or 7 total hours of testing, and

Whereas The Ohio State University is a large campus where students may be required to travel across campus to each exam, and the current break time of 15 minutes between exam periods may not be enough time for a student to travel to or adequately prepare for their next exam, and

Whereas the combination of the general stresses of this academic period combined with the stresses of minimal break time and exam overload could negatively affect student mental health, and

41 **Whereas** completing three consecutive final exams, or four or more final exams in a
42 single day, may lead to academic underperformance and student distress;

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44 **Therefore, Let it Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government supports the
45 creation of a final exam policy in place here at The Ohio State University, and

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47 **Therefore, Let it Further Be Resolved** this policy should include the option of allowing
48 for the appropriate rescheduling of final exams for students with three consecutive
49 exams, or four or more exams in a single day, provided that the student has submitted this
50 request in advance.

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53 Floor Vote: Passed with unanimous consent

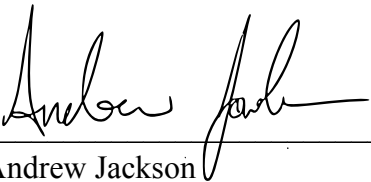
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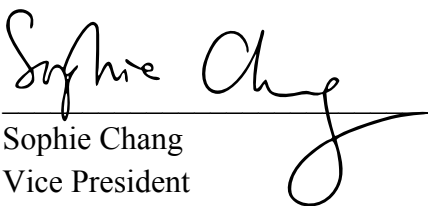
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59 Andrew Jackson
60 President

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63 Sophie Chang
Vice President

63 Date Adopted: 21 February 2018

Date Terminated: _____

64 **Appendix A**

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66 **Consolidated Research for Final Exam Policy**

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68 The goal of this project is to create a final exam policy that allows for accommodations to
69 be made in the case of excessive exams, to be used in all colleges across the university.
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71 *Schools that have a similar policy already in place:*

- 72 • University of Michigan
 - 73 ○ <http://ro.umich.edu/exams/fall17.php>
- 74 • Illinois
 - 75 ○ http://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3_part2_3-201.html
- 76 • Penn State University
 - 77 ○ <https://handbook.psu.edu/content/examinations>
- 78 • Michigan State University
 - 79 ○ <https://reg.msu.edu/ROInfo/Calendar/FinalExam.aspx>
- 80 • Purdue
 - 81 ○ http://www.purdue.edu/studentregulations/regulations_procedures/calendar.html
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- 83 • University of Minnesota
 - 84 ○ [http://d.umn.edu/academic-affairs/academic-policies/examination-](http://d.umn.edu/academic-affairs/academic-policies/examination-policies/final-examinations)
 - 85 [policies/final-examinations](http://d.umn.edu/academic-affairs/academic-policies/examination-policies/final-examinations)
- 86 • University of Indiana
 - 87 ○ <http://registrar.indiana.edu/grades/class-rosters/final-examinations.shtml>
- 88 • University of Iowa
 - 89 ○ <https://registrar.uiowa.edu/makeup-final-examination-policies>
- 90 • University of Nebraska
 - 91 ○ <https://registrar.unl.edu/academic-calendar/final-exam/>
- 92 • Rutgers University
 - 93 ○ [https://scheduling.rutgers.edu/scheduling/exam-scheduling/final-exam-](https://scheduling.rutgers.edu/scheduling/exam-scheduling/final-exam-policies)
 - 94 [policies](https://scheduling.rutgers.edu/scheduling/exam-scheduling/final-exam-policies)
- 95 • University of Maryland
 - 96 ○ <https://www.registrar.umd.edu/current/registration/exam.html>
- 97 • Columbia University
 - 98 ○ <http://registrar.columbia.edu/content/exams>
- 99 • Dartmouth College
 - 100 ○ [http://dartmouth.smartcatalogiq.com/current/orc/Regulations/Undergradua](http://dartmouth.smartcatalogiq.com/current/orc/Regulations/Undergraduate-Study/Working-Rules-and-Regulations/Administration-of-Courses-Scheduling-of-Final-Examinations-PreExamination-Break)
 - 101 [te-Study/Working-Rules-and-Regulations/Administration-of-Courses-](http://dartmouth.smartcatalogiq.com/current/orc/Regulations/Undergraduate-Study/Working-Rules-and-Regulations/Administration-of-Courses-Scheduling-of-Final-Examinations-PreExamination-Break)
 - 102 [Scheduling-of-Final-Examinations-PreExamination-Break](http://dartmouth.smartcatalogiq.com/current/orc/Regulations/Undergraduate-Study/Working-Rules-and-Regulations/Administration-of-Courses-Scheduling-of-Final-Examinations-PreExamination-Break)
- 103 • University of Pennsylvania

- 104 ○ http://www.upenn.edu/registrar/pdf_main/provost-rules.pdf
- 105 • Princeton University
- 106 ○ <https://registrar.princeton.edu/final-exams/policy/>
- 107 • Miami University
- 108 ○ [https://miamioh.edu/onestop/your-records/academic-records/final-](https://miamioh.edu/onestop/your-records/academic-records/final-exams/index.html)
- 109 [exams/index.html](https://miamioh.edu/onestop/your-records/academic-records/final-exams/index.html)
- 110 • Ohio University
- 111 ○ <https://www.ohio.edu/registrar/fall-semester-final-exam-schedule.cfm>