



Cornell University Student Assembly

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S.A. Resolution # 16 Recommendations Concerning Study Week

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Whereas, Article III, Section 5 of the Student Assembly Charter states that:

- A. The Provost will consult with the SA in the formulation of the University Calendar. The SA may review and ask for reconsideration of the calendar before it becomes final. In addition, the SA may propose changes in the calendar to the Provost.
- B. The Provost shall make the calendar available for comment at least thirty days before public announcement of the final calendar;

Whereas, Study Week provides a vital opportunity for students to study and also to de-stress, pack, and complete necessary work;

Whereas, truncating Study Week is deleterious to the mental health and academic stress levels of students;

Whereas, the abbreviated study week as made by recent changes to the calendar increases the toll on students when encountering direct time conflicts, three exams in 24 hours, and back to back exams and other unfavorable events;

Whereas, extending a weekend for a short break in February is not a meaningful replacement for a shortened Study Week and was not scheduled to take into account student benefit;

Whereas, the Student Assembly passed Resolution 47: Undergraduate Student Body Denouncement of the Calendar Committee's Proposal in the Spring of 2012, as well as Student Assembly R. 53: Regarding the Proposed Final Exam Schedule in the Spring 2013;

Whereas, the changes to the academic calendar were approved anyway and have been implemented for multiple semesters despite widespread student disapproval,

Whereas, the official response to the voices of students on this issue represents an act of administrative misfeasance;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Student Assembly strongly recommends the prompt and timely reversal of the trend in shortening Study Week;

Be it further resolved, that future changes to the academic calendar take into more prominent account the widely affirmed interests and voices of students,

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Undesignated at-Large Representative, Student Assembly

(Reviewed by: Executive Committee 6-0-0, 10/8/14)