



# Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada

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## A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ALLOWING STUDENTS TO AMEND THEIR FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Resolution Number: 66

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Sponsored By: Senator Golez

*Whereas*, the academic success of every University of Nevada student is of the upmost importance to the Association

*Whereas*, preparation plays a vital role in success not only in the classroom, but also in future jobs and endeavors.

*Whereas*, it is the duty of the University and the Association to intellectually challenge students and prepare them for careers after graduation.

*Whereas*, final examinations compose a significant amount of the final grade.

*Whereas*, three or more final examinations within a 24 hour period can cause unnecessary stress to students

*Whereas*, having three or more final exams in a 24 hour period potentially creates a situation in which an examination may not effectively measure a student's knowledge and accomplishments during a course.

*Whereas*, students support a policy that allows for one final exam to be rescheduled should there be three final exams in a 24 hour period.

*Whereas*, institutions including Cornell University, George Washington University, Gordon College, Louisiana State University, Montana State University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Washington State University have policies that address final exam conflicts.

*Resolved*: The final exam policy will be worded as: "Students having three or more final examinations in a 24 hour period may request permission to take no more than two examinations on the day concerned. In a semester, this means that a student taking a final examination at 8:00a.m. and another at 1:30 p.m. on the same day cannot be required to take an examination that same evening. However, the student could be required to take an examination beginning at 8:00a.m. the

next day. Similarly, a student having a final examination at 7:00p.m. one day and another at 8:00a.m. the next day cannot be required to take an examination at 1:30p.m. that second day. Requests for special arrangements will be considered only when the three or more examinations cover nine (9) hours or more of credit work. These requests should be made to the dean or director at the college or school in which the student is registered. The dean or director is authorized to determine which of the examinations is to be taken at a time other than originally scheduled; that decision is final. A student scheduled for examination in two subjects at the same group examination period shall report for examination in the class listed first in the above schedule; the instructor of the other class shall arrange a special examination for the student. In case of a conflict between a group examination and an examination in a class for which a group examination is not scheduled, the instructor of the class having the group examination shall arrange a special examination. So that instructors concerned may have adequate notice for rescheduling examinations, students with schedule problems must have all arrangements completed by 5:00p.m. on the final day to drop classes with no monetary refund. Instructors will make no changes in the examination schedule without the permission of the department head and the dean of the college.”

*Be it resolved that*, the Association supports the proposal of allowing students who have three or more final examinations in one day to move one exam to another time period.

*Be it further resolved that*, contingent upon its passage through the Senate that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Provost of the University of Nevada, Dr. Kevin Carman and the Vice President for Student Services, Dr. Shannon Ellis.

Adopted in Senate on June 5, 2014

Attest:

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Nicole Tomimatsu, Secretary of the Senate

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Caden Fabbi, Speaker of the Senate