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SA2021-047: Resolution in Support of Academic Flexibility for Students

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WHEREAS Student Association reached out to the student body to gather information regarding how students are doing during this spring semester without a spring break; and

WHEREAS the collected responses revealed a systemic issue among students of feeling burnt out, tired, exhausted, struggling to keep up academically, and dealing with mental health issues; and

WHEREAS according to a report from the Pew Research Center, 21% of U.S. adults are experiencing high levels of psychological distress, including nearly 28% among those who say the COVID-19 outbreak has changed their lives in a “major” way (Keeter, 2021); and

WHEREAS according to the same report adults ages 18 to 29 are especially likely to report anxiety, depression or loneliness compared with other age groups (Keeter, 2021); and

WHEREAS according to a report from Brookings, over 80% of college students reported that COVID-19 has impacted their lives through increased isolation, loneliness, stress, and sadness; and

WHEREAS students, faculty, and staff have had to navigate a new online environment that has presented its own set of unique challenges; and

WHEREAS student senate understands that many faculty have previously altered their course schedules to be flexible as per direction from administration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Senate urges Faculty to be flexible with academic expectations to the best of their ability for the remainder of the semester.



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