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S.A. Resolution #27  
Final Exam Policy Extension to Thirty Hours

ABSTRACT: The Student Assembly recommends that the Faculty Senate consider changing the final exam policy from 24 hours to 30 hours and propose that the Senate begin simulation testing of this policy.

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**Whereas**, in Cornell University faculty handbook Chapter 5 page 97, “It is university policy to discourage more than two examinations for a student in one twenty-four hour time period. Members of the faculty are urged to grant student requests for a make-up examination;”

**Whereas**, on Cornell University Registrar Website, “More than two exams in twenty-four hours is defined as one of the following:

- More than two exams in one day (9:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 7:00 PM)
- An evening exam followed by morning and afternoon exams (7:00 PM, 9:00 AM, and 2:00 PM)
- Afternoon and evening exams followed by a morning exam (2:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 AM);”

**Whereas**, in Cornell University Registrar Website, during final exam week, there are three exam periods each day: 9:00 AM, 2:00 PM, and 7:00 PM;

**Whereas**, final exam week is one of the most academically strenuous times of the semester;

**Whereas**, on Cornell Health’s website, the Mental Health Initiative includes “to foster a healthy educational environment;”

**Whereas**, current exam policies allow students to take three exams in a 30 hour period;

**Be it therefore resolved**, that the Student Assembly recommends that the Faculty Senate and University Registrar perform simulations using previous enrollment data to evaluate whether the change of policy would bring benefits to the student body.

**Be it resolved**, that the Student Assembly recommends that the Faculty Senate change the current final exam policy into “it is university policy to discourage more than two examinations for a student in one thirty hour time period, or four consecutive examination periods;”

**Be it resolved**, that the thirty-hour period will be defined as four consecutive examination periods.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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