

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENTS**



**Joint Resolution 21/22-JR005**

**Resolution in Support of Amending the Military Absence Policy for  
Students (MAPS)**

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**WHEREAS,** Purdue University - West Lafayette is a Land-Grant institution, whose purpose is “the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics,”; and

**WHEREAS,** The land-grant system was created with the Morrill Act that passed in 1862, with the intent of fulfilling the need of trained military officers to protect U.S. national security; and

**WHEREAS,** This need is relevant today with growing international tensions, requiring U.S. service members to balance their educational advancement with performing duties in the interest of U.S. national defense; and

**WHEREAS,** University Senate Document 10-8 (established March 21, 2011) outlines how General Attendance Issues are to be handled by course instructors in the event of absences that are beyond the control of the student (i.e., illness, family emergencies, bereavement, etc.); and

**WHEREAS,** The Military Absence Policy (MAPS) in its current form does not adequately support the needs of impacted students or compensate for the typical training schedules for military branches; and

**WHEREAS,** One academic calendar year falls into two fiscal years in which the US military operates, meaning that annual training sessions are likely to occur twice during one academic year in order for service members to meet their mandatory training requirements for two fiscal years; and

**WHEREAS,** Active duty, including National Guard and reservist students often run out of allotted military-required absence days early in the academic year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the section of the Military Absence Policy (MAPS) stating that “students are eligible for up to fifteen (15) days for military-required absences per academic year” be struck and replaced with “students are eligible for up to fifteen (15) weekdays of absence from classes for military-required activities per Fall semester and fifteen (15) weekdays of absence from classes for military-required activities per Spring Semester.”

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this proposal be considered by Purdue administration for official incorporation into Purdue attendance policies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That upon the receipt of a verified absence notification from the ODOS, a plan must be developed by the student, in collaboration with the Purdue Veterans Success Center and/or the instructor to determine how they can earn equivalent credit in order to demonstrate evidence of meeting the learning outcomes for missed assignments or assessments. The plan must be agreed upon and recorded by the instructor.

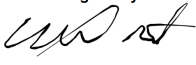
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution be delivered to the Office of the Dean of Students to ensure their staff are in agreement with the sentiments expressed within this policy.

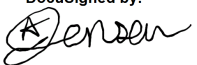
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That Purdue Student Government deliver this resolution to the Veterans Success Center in the spirit of our joint mission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution be delivered to the Educational Policy Committee of the Purdue University Senate for their consideration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this Resolution be delivered to the Student Affairs Committee of the Purdue University Senate for their consideration.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That this resolution be considered a joint resolution of Purdue Student Government and Purdue Graduate Student Government.

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### Legislation History

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<b>Purdue Student Government (PSG) Passage Date:</b>	<b>April 20, 2022<sup>1</sup> (Initial)</b>
PSG President:	Shannon Kang
PSG Senate President:	Olivia Wyrick
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<b>Final Passage by PGSG:</b>	<b>February 15, 2023</b>
PSG President:	Andrew Jensen
PSG Senate President:	Izzy Webber
PGSG President:	Alex Seto
PGSG Senate Chair:	Josiah Davidson

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<sup>1</sup> This legislation was passed by the Purdue Student Government Senate session beginning Fall 2021 and the Purdue Graduate Student Senate session beginning Fall 2022. Consequently, the bill is numbered to indicate that legislation was originally passed under a different PSG senate than the senate forwarding to PGSG for consideration.

<sup>2</sup> The PSG President holding office beginning in Fall of 2022 is the signatory on the passage of this joint resolution. For signatures of the passage of this bill in April 2022, please contact the PSG Senate President.