
PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE

RESOLUTION No. FA22 – R010

**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.

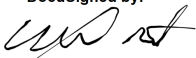
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Purdue Student Government deliver this resolution to the Veterans Success Center in the spirit of our joint mission.

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.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 15th day of February 2022.

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President, PGSG

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Senate Chair, PGSS

Certification

I, Mary Brown, Senate Clerk of the Purdue Graduate Student Senate, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was regularly passed and adopted by the Purdue Graduate Student Senate of Purdue University, at a regular meeting thereof held on the 15th day of February 2023 by the following vote:

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Global Supply Chain Management - Rohan Saini
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Statistics - Sagar Ksheera (Acting Senator)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 20th day of March 2023.

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Senate Clerk, PGSS