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

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Date of Meeting:

Ruling: PENDING review by LRC

President, PGSG: Alex Seto

Senate Chair, PGSS: Josiah Davidson

WHEREAS

Purdue University - West Lafayette is a Land-Grant institution, intended to be in service of educating our members in military tactics, agriculture, and mechanical arts; 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 our national security; and

WHEREAS

This need is relevant today with growing international tensions, requiring our service members to balance their educational advancement with performing duties in the interest of our 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 or 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) days for military-required absences per Fall and Spring semester.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED

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

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 RESOVED

That Purdue Student Government jointly deliver this resolution to the Veterans Success Center in the spirit of our joint mission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED

That this Resolution be delivered to the Educational Policy Committee of the Purdue University Senate for their consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED

That this Resolution be delivered to the Student Affairs Committee of the Purdue University Senate for their consideration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED

That this resolution be considered a joint resolution of Purdue Student Government and Purdue Graduate Student Government.

President, PGSG

Senate Chair, PGSS