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A SENATE RESOLUTION CLARIFYING THE LANGUAGE CONCERNING ACTIVITIES PERIODS IN THE STUDENTS' BILL OF ACADEMIC RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHEREAS, Activities Periods are approved university events that occur every Wednesday from 11:45am to 1:25pm and every Thursday 2:50pm to 4:30pm during the Fall and Spring Semesters and every Monday from 11:40am to 1:20pm during the Summer semesters with the purpose of providing a time for students to meet that is free from undergraduate academic commitments; **AND**

WHEREAS, The Undergraduate Student Handbook does not explicitly state the rights students have should a faculty or staff member schedule a course-related event during an activities period; **AND**

WHEREAS, The language in the Students' Bill of Academic Rights and Responsibilities in the Undergraduate Student Handbook is constricted by an exclusive enumerated list; **AND**

WHEREAS, SR: F-05-103 (A Senate Resolution Formalizing the Activities Periods) was unanimously passed by the Student Senate and signed by the University President; **AND**

WHEREAS, SR: F-05-103 codified students' rights and resolved to formalize Activities Periods in the Faculty Handbook; **THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the clause, "such as scheduled classes and co-op meetings" be stricken from Article 12 in the Students' Bill of Academic Rights and Responsibilities; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That a subsection be added to Article 12 in the Students' Bill of Academic Rights and Responsibilities that reads as follows:

"If a faculty or staff member schedules a course-related event during an activities period, the students affected must either a) have the opportunity to complete the activity or its equivalent at another time, or b) be excused and not penalized for their absence in any way that might affect grades, attendance records, co-op placement, or any other academic standing or privilege" (SR: F-05-103, Student Government Association); **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That a subsection be added to Article 12 in the Students' Bill of Academic Rights and Responsibilities that reads as follows:

"If a student feels that his or her activities period rights have been violated, the student has the right to refer the issue to the appropriate department chair or the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the Student Government Association;" **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the updated edition of the Students' Bill of Academic Rights and Responsibilities be made readily accessible, by the University, to the Full Time Undergraduate Student Body; **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, That the updated Students' Bill of Academic Rights and Responsibilities be included in both the Faculty Handbook and the Undergraduate Student Handbook.

Submitted with the unanimous support of the Academic Affairs Committee,

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