



University of
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Office of the Speaker
Student Senate

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To all those whom it concerns,

The Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire recently passed the attached resolution urging the Office of the Registrar to disallow classes from being scheduled during common exam times. The Student Senate cited that students who have class during common exam time cannot participate in extra-curricular activities which may meet during these times. The Student Activity Fee Committee (SAFC) is an example of a committee that holds its meetings during common exam time, which can make it difficult for students to attend and present their proposals or participate as members of the committee. Please see the attached resolution for more details.

Regards,

Brennan J. Pouliot
Speaker- UNH Student Senate

Student Senate XXXVIII – R1 – Disallowing Classes During Common Exam Blocks

Introduced By: *Student Activity Fee Committee Chair Jake Adams, Academic Affairs Council Chairperson Audrey C. Getman*

Date: October 1st, 2017

Whereas, the University of New Hampshire defines common exam time as “hours, which are reserved for convocations or common exams for multi-section courses” [1], and

Whereas, the Students’ Rights, Rules and Responsibilities states that “normally, classes and labs are not scheduled during these hours. The Registrar may allow some exceptions to this policy” [2], and

Whereas, there are classes currently scheduled during common exam time, and

Whereas, scheduling classes during common exam time deprives students of their right to have a block of time during the week that is free from classes, and

Whereas, students often use common exam time for extra-curricular activities when not engaged in examinations, and

Whereas, there are a finite number of options for any given course, with many courses being offered in only a single block of time, and

Whereas, the limited number of course options may force students to take a class which is scheduled during common exam time, therefore

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of the University of New Hampshire to urge the Registrar’s Office to disallow classes held during common exam time, and

Be it further resolved to urge that common exam blocks only be designated periods for professors to hold exams and make-up classes.

[1]

<http://www.unh.edu/registrar/general-information/common-exams.html>



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[2]

http://www.unh.edu/sites/www.unh.edu/files/departments/office_of_community_standards/srrr1516_0.pdf

Senate Action: Passed unanimously.
Speaker Verification: Brennan J. Pouliot
