

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
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A RESOLUTION ADDRESSING ABSENCES FOR INTERVIEWS

Whereas, For students at this university, the purpose of undergraduate education is not only to become more well-rounded people, but also to prepare for their chosen vocations;

Whereas, Internships for students between their junior and senior years are increasingly more important for pursuing many vocations;

Whereas, As the market becomes more competitive, there is a greater need for each student to schedule interviews for jobs, internships, graduate and professional school, and other opportunities whenever possible, including during class time;

Whereas, Flexible interview times will allow students to pursue more freely the most desirable opportunities;

Whereas, There is a need for understanding and communication between faculty and students on the issue of absences for interviews;

Whereas, Flexible interview times are only possible through cooperation between students and faculty;

Whereas, An occasional absence from class for the purpose of attending an interview is compatible with the mission of the university; and

Whereas, Student Government hopes to address student concerns by raising awareness of the issue to faculty rather than requesting a change be made to official university policy; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Student Senate requests that Faculty Senate discuss the issue of absences from class for the purpose of attending interviews;

Resolved, That Faculty Senate be made aware that Student Senate requests appropriate flexibility on the part of professors when students request an absence to attend interviews;

Resolved, That Faculty Senate should inform Student Senate of the opinions of the faculty on this issue;

Resolved, That Student Senate hopes that, through entering dialogue with Faculty Senate, students and faculty members can reach a mutually agreeable way for faculty members to accommodate student needs without feeling as though students are abusing their privilege; and

Resolved, That Student Government will continue to investigate how absences for interviews are addressed by faculty members, with further action possible if necessary.

