The Sixty Seventh Student Senate

Resolution 27


WHEREAS: Florida State University prides itself on respecting campus diversity, and
WHEREAS: FSU's Religious Observance Policy was changed this year, and
WHEREAS: The new policy has placed an undue burden on students of faith, and
WHEREAS: The new policy has substantially impeded the ability of students to freely practice their faith, and
WHEREAS: The new policy is the most restrictive religious observance policy among public universities in the state of Florida, and
WHEREAS: The use of "work restricted" to determine whether or not a religious holiday constitutes an excused absence impedes on the rights of students by placing the decision about which holidays are excused in the hands of an instructor, and
WHEREAS: Requiring students to give instructors their entire calendar of religious holidays within the first two weeks of class is an unreasonable demand to place on students, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SIXTY SEVENTH STUDENT SENATE AT THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

The "work restricted" language should be struck from the Religious Observance Policy. The requirement that students must submit their entire holiday calendar for the semester to their instructor within the first two weeks of classes should be revised to be more accommodating to students' needs. The two week requirement should be revised with input from Student Government Association, Graduate Assistants United, the Faculty Senate, and the Office of Faculty Development and Advancement, and the Interfaith Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

A copy of this resolution is sent to: Andrew T. Forst, 67th Senate President, Jean Tabares, Student Body President and Trustee, Melanie Annis, Chair of the Interfaith Council, Lance Beauchamp, Chair of the Interfaith Council, Dr. Janet Kistner, Interim Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement, Dr. Sally McRorie, Interim Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, John Thrasher, President of Florida State University and Kimberly Anderson, President of Graduate Assistants United.

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