SMU STUDENT SENATE

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A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE FACULTY SENATE TO REINSTATE TWO READING DAYS PER SEMESTER DURING THE 2009-2010 UNIVERSITY CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS the current 2008-2009 university calendar only includes a single reading day for each semester,

NOTING the upcoming 2009-2010 university calendar also includes only one reading day for the Fall semester, and none at all for the Spring semester,

FURTHER NOTING that the previous 2007-2008 university calendar, and all university calendars dating back to 1995-1996, displayed two reading days for each semester, and

RECOGNIZING that there is a general consensus among SMU students that both reading days should be restored (much like it was in the past), considering that this notion is supported by eighty-seven percent of respondents on a Daily Campus online poll, and

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that a large majority of SMU's benchmark schools such as Brown, Northwestern, and Dartmouth allow their students at least two reading days, and some as many as five, and

COGNIZANT students would like two readings days, including at least one weekday, so that they may fully prepare for final examinations, and that many faculty members would appreciate adequate preparation on the part of their pupils, let it therefore be

RESOLVED that the SMU Student Senate encourages the Faculty Senate to reinstate two reading days after the end of classes for each semester of the 2009-2010 university calendar. One option, among many, would be to move the start of school to Tuesday, August 25, and the beginning of Spring exams to Friday, May 7, which would allow the University to have two reading days per semester while maintaining virtually the same number of student-professor hours as the previous calendar.

Respectfully Submitted

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