



STUDENT SENATE

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1 **A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR STANDARDIZATION OF CANVAS PAGES**
2 **FOLLOWING HISTORIC WINTER STORM**
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5 **WHEREAS**

ice, snow, and extreme temperatures resulted in power outages, a boil water notice, heating and living concerns for some residents, and widespread hindrances to campus services,

10 **WHEREAS**

five continuous flex and virtual instruction days were canceled as a result of the severe weather and related facilities concerns,

14 **ACKNOWLEDGING**

that disruptions to the calendar have caused confusion for students, faculty, and staff regarding the scheduling of instructional material including assignments, readings, essays, and virtual exams,

19 **RECOGNIZING**

that faculty and staff were also affected by the winter storm and the resulting hindrances that limited their ability to communicate potential scheduling changes with students in advance of resuming classes,

25 **RECOGNIZING**

that, in accordance with Student Senate S-106-15 “A resolution on implementing a minimum standard for the use of Canvas by professors in undergraduate classes,” professors have been asked to maintain a Canvas page in accordance with SMU flex and virtual instruction guidelines,

32 **RECOGNIZING**

that students rely exclusively and extensively on Canvas for instructional schedules as a result of this legislation and increased attention to Canvas pages from faculty,

37 **BE IT THEREFORE**
38 **RESOLVED**

that the 107th Student Senate insists professors immediately update their Canvas assignments, home, and syllabus pages within two business days of the university’s updated calendar announcement

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**BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED**

Respectfully Submitted,

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to reflect any schedule changes made to
accommodate the missed instructional days.

that the 107th Student Senate urges professors to not
hold students accountable for graded assignments
with due dates other than those listed on the updated
syllabi.