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A RESOLUTION TO: Create an Official Policy to Allow Examinations to be Moved During Finals Week if The Student has Three or More Exams on the Same Day

Recognizing, that final exams can make up anywhere from 10% to 35% of the final course grade in a class and can be the determining factor of a final grade;

Recognizing, That Grand Valley State University is committed to setting up a student for success by educating students to shape their lives, their professions, and their societies¹;

Recognizing, that a student's grade can impact their future, and having three exams on the same day can be extremely stressful;

Whereas, student success can be impacted by this stress;

Recognizing, that Grand Valley State University students, professors, and staff are committed to student success, as exemplified by professor office hours, the Student Academic Success Center, the Tutoring Center, and the Knowledge Market, and many other on-campus resources;

Recognizing, that students who utilize these resources are generally successful students;

Whereas, an official creation of this policy would align with other efforts to promote student success;

Recognizing, that almost all other universities in the State of Michigan have some sort of policy to alleviate this stress and promote student success²;

Whereas, 86% of students report that they feel stressed and overwhelmed every year, not even factoring exam stress, and that 25% of students say that stress worsens their grade;³

¹ <https://www.gvsu.edu/housing/employment/grand-valley-mission-statement-5.htm>

² Ethan Schafer, [Research On Examination Policies of Michigan Institutions](#)

³ <https://fosteredu.pennfoster.edu/3-ways-stress-negatively-affects-student-performance>

Recognizing, that Grand Valley has a recommendation of students asking professors to be accommodating if they have three exams in one day, but it is not official and professors can currently say no;

Whereas, Grand Valley State has multiple campuses and a student could have multiple exams on those campuses on the same day;

Whereas, many students who have children have to make special arrangements if their exams cannot be moved;

Recognizing, that a policy like this could help students arrange their schedules to better prepare for all of their final exams, leading to better outcomes, as well as reduce stress during finals' week, as they don't have to prepare for 3 exams during one day;

Let It Be Resolved, that the Grand Valley Student Senate supports the creation of a policy to allow examinations to be moved during finals week if the student has three or more exams in one day