

Faculty Senate Resolution 11-04

“Concentrated Study Period Policy Revisions”

Introduced at the Request of the Student Government Association

WHEREAS, Louisiana State University currently conducts a Concentrated Study Period prior to the week of final examinations; and

WHEREAS, the intended purpose of the Concentrated Study Period is to allow students an opportunity to focus specifically on their final examinations and class projects; and

WHEREAS, the current policy does not allow students to focus specifically on their final exams and projects due to the additional amount of work required in their courses; and

WHEREAS, this additional work may be assigned due to the provision of the existing policy which allows graded required course work (including exams, quizzes, and homework) which may count for a total of at most 10 percent of a student’s grade in the course; and

WHEREAS, Student Government is proposing the policy be revised to state, “Graded required course work (including exams, quizzes, and homework) may count for a total of at most 5% of a student’s grade. Class projects (excluding exams and quizzes) are exempt from the 5 percent limit. The assumption is that work on such a project will take place throughout the semester. Exams and quizzes shall be defined as a question or set of questions to be given within a designated period of time;” and

WHEREAS, this new policy will greater reflect the intended purpose of the Concentrated Study Period and increase student capacity to prepare for final examinations; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate affirms its support for the proposed revision for the Concentrated Study Period and asks that the Provost implement the revised policy.