



**Senator Gonzalez and Senator Childress**

*Student Affairs*

*65<sup>th</sup> Senate*

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**RESOLUTION [The Secretary will handle numbering of bills and resolutions]**

**A RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORTING THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE COURSE DROP DEADLINE WITH A “W”**

**WHEREAS**, The purpose of a course withdrawal deadline is to provide students sufficient time to identify academic patterns in their performance and distinguish between a single poor exam grade and a course that is fundamentally not working; and

**WHEREAS**, The current deadline to drop a course with a "W" occurs at approximately the 36th class day, which may not allow sufficient time to evaluate course rigor and personal academic standing; and

**WHEREAS**, Students often encounter academic challenges, personal hardships, or health concerns later in the semester that impact their ability to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Peer institutions like the University of Southern Mississippi allow withdrawal with a "W" until approximately the 50th class day, and many universities nationally set deadlines between 60% and 75% of the term; and

**WHEREAS**, Extending the deadline to the 75% mark of the semester would align MSU with peer institutions and national best practices while preserving academic accountability; and

**WHEREAS**, This change would support student retention, reduce academic stress, and encourage thoughtful academic planning without compromising institutional standards; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Student Association Senate of Mississippi State, support moving the deadline to drop a course with a "W" from the 36th class day to the 75%; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to [The secretary will add the appropriate recipients. If you have someone specific you would like it sent to, communicate that when you send the legislation in.]