Resolution Urging Publication of the Final Examination Schedule Before the First Day of Classes

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WHEREAS the timing of proctored final examinations, take-home final examinations, papers and projects strongly influences performance thereon and significantly impacts students’ quality of life;

Students therefore consider carefully both weekly and finals schedules during course selection;

Students’ ability to plan their academic schedules depends in significant part on the early and complete availability of information concerning these assessments;

Such information is often unavailable until after the Change of Academic Program (“Add/Drop”) period closes, compelling students to make their course selections without critical information, and

The Office of Registration Services requires some time after receiving such information from teaching faculty to produce a comprehensive schedule for distribution to the student body.

Therefore Be It Resolved by the Columbia Law School Student Senate to call upon the faculty to submit complete information regarding proctored final examinations, take-home final examinations, papers and projects for their courses as early as possible, specifically before the Add/Drop period opens;

To call upon the Office of Registration Services to continue to remind the faculty of the importance of its timely submission of information needed to complete the final examination schedule, which should be published as early as possible and before the first day of class;

That the Student Senate President transmit a copy of this resolution, with the Senate’s endorsement, to the Deans of Faculty, Students and Registration Services, and

That the Student Senate President raise this issue at the next Faculty Meeting after passage of this resolution.

This resolution expires at the end of the 2008-09 academic year.