Faculty Senate Bill No. 427

November 29, 2018

**Restructure Final Exam Schedules for Consistency**

**WHEREAS** students should be given an adequate length of time in study days with no didactic (non-laboratory) courses or final exams in order for them to prepare properly for final exams; and

**WHEREAS** UAH currently provides only one designated study day between the last day of classes and the start of final exams; and

**WHEREAS** both of our Sister Institutions and Auburn University provide two days (a weekend) between the last day of classes and the start of final exams; and

**WHEREAS** independent of the time allotted for study days, faculty should have a consistent and respectable length of time (a grace period) between the last day of a class and the time for the final exam regardless of the class schedule; and

**WHEREAS** UAH currently schedules the final exam for a class inconsistently and with an inadequate time after the final day of class, whereby classes that end on Monday always have a final no sooner than the Friday of that week (an effective two-day grace period) while some classes that end on Tuesday have their final exams as soon as Thursday of that week (no grace period at all);

**BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE** that UAH will institute a Final Exam schedule that consistently allows a grace period of at least one full day between the last day of class and the final exam for that class regardless of the ending day of the day for the last day of the class; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE** that UAH will institute this change for a consistent grace period between the last day of class and the final exam for that class to be effective for Spring 2019; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE** that UAH will institute a Final Exam schedule that consistently provides at least two full study days between the last day of all didactic (non-laboratory) class and the start of the final exams; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THEREFORE** that UAH will institute this change for a two-day study period to be effective no later than Fall 2019.