

# Associated Students of Cerritos College

## IN THE SENATE OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

04/13/2022

Deputy Director Amy Parker introduced the following Resolution,  
Senator Poblete seconded the following Resolution

### A RESOLUTION

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#### **Requesting Faculty Avoid Last-Minute Assignments and Syllabi Changes JR-2122-06**

**Whereas:** Some faculty members, particularly those in the Science, Engineering, and Mathematics division, have historically altered syllabi during the middle of the semester, causing significant confusion among students and a forced alteration of student planning, often in conflict with work from other courses and other obligations; and

**Whereas:** Many faculty members change the due dates and requirements of assignments at will and not in accordance with the syllabus or prior semesters, causing such same conflicts among students who have to sacrifice other obligations or their grades in a course for other courses; and

**Whereas:** These changes put an undue burden of stress on students, who must remain constantly vigilant for such changes as they are often not publicly announced, causing missed assignments and falling grades; and

**Whereas:** Many of these changes are entirely avoidable, as assignment dates can be set at the beginning of the course in the syllabus and the syllabus can remain non-tentative except in emergency scenarios in which no other solution is available besides the alteration of the syllabus; and

**Whereas:** The elimination of these last-minute changes will have a significant impact on the grades and mental health of students across the College, as they will not be rushed into making choices between courses and obligations as well as having to do assignments on a last-minute basis; and

**Whereas:** Such an elimination will also reduce teacher burden, as teachers can plan their assignment publishing at the beginning of the semester instead of having to regenerate and recreate assignments as the semester goes on;

**Resolved:** The Associated Students of Cerritos College request that teachers and faculty members avoid creating assignments or changing the timing and requirements of assignments not in alignment with that outlined in the syllabus; and

**Resolved:** The Associated Students of Cerritos College request that teachers and faculty members outline all of the assignments which will be completed during the semester directly in the syllabus, including with dates and requirements such as shown by Jolene James in CIS 181 and 183 as well as by Dean Mellas in CIS 214 and 292; and

**Resolved:** The Associated Students of Cerritos College request that teachers not make changes to their course syllabi during the semester except in emergency scenarios in which such changes are unavoidable, such as the onset of a pandemic or the destruction of course materials.

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## Amendment History

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### Final Senate Action

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**Date of final vote: 4/13/2022**

**Senators Voting Aye: Alamgir, Cao, Criollo, Cuevas, Francos, Gomez, Lola, Ortega, Rocha, Trevino**

**Senators Voting Nay:**

**Senators Abstaining:**

**Vote Count: 10 Aye 0 Nay 0 Abstain**

### Committee Referral

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**Referred to Committee? Yes/No**

**Committee Performing Review (if applicable):**

**Committee Chairperson:**

**Committee Action:** (Report complete disposition, amendments, committee vote, or date of final action.)

### Presidential Action

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**Presidential Action** (Approved or Veto): \_\_\_\_\_



**Presidential Signature: Sandra Abundio** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date: 04/13/2022**

**If vetoed, state reason:**