

# Faculty Senate Resolution 10-10

## Final Examinations and Grade Assignments Sponsored by Senator Ken McMillin

Whereas the LSU faculty and the university encourage student participation in public service;  
and

Whereas military obligations such as Louisiana National Guard member activation for the Gulf of Mexico oil spill and other valid reasons for absences from class are clearly defined by university policies (PS-22 Student Absence from Class); and

Whereas it is university policy that final examinations are required in all courses except when inappropriate for an entire course due to its nature and an exception is approved by the appropriate department chair and dean/director (2009-10 General Catalog); and

Whereas final examinations must be given during the published dates for the final examination period, as given in the LSU Registration/Schedule of Classes bulletin (Spring 2010 pages 7-8); and

Whereas it is the right and responsibility of the instructor in a course to determine and assign the grade for each student in the course beyond the final date (April 1, 2010 for Spring 2010) for withdrawing with a W (PS-44 Grades); and

Whereas special consideration can be given to individual students when justified by disability or excused absence (PS-44); and

Whereas the Board of Regents alternate guidelines for assigning grades contradict established University policies;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Faculty Senate reasserts the rights of each faculty member to make decisions on grading and grades by cooperating with students unable to complete courses due to valid absences while complying with university regulations regarding awarding of "W" grades in courses, authorization of deans for incomplete grades in courses, requests to change final examination dates, and changing the relative weight of component factors of the final grade for individual students.