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RESOLUTION BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY OF CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI CALLING FOR

A change to current senior grade policy and graduation procedures so that graduating seniors may take final examinations at the regularly scheduled exam periods with all other students.

WHEREAS, current policy requires that grades for graduating seniors be submitted before regularly scheduled final examinations are completed and

WHEREAS, current policy can compromise the academic integrity of a course by allowing graduating students to be administered a final examination that covers less material than the exam taken by the rest of the class and

WHEREAS, current policy can present a hardship on graduating seniors for the following reasons:

1. Graduating seniors may have to take all of their final examinations in a two to three day period when papers and projects are also due
2. Graduating seniors do not have the advantage of the extended preparation time that their non-graduating classmates may benefit from
3. Graduating seniors may be tested on material not covered prior to the deadline.
4. Graduating seniors may miss important information often covered at the end of a course.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE OF DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY OF CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI

That:

SECTION 1. graduating seniors be required to take their final examinations during the regularly scheduled final examination week with all other students.

SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University modify the graduation process as needed to accommodate the change in the timeline for reporting senior grades. One solution would be to present each graduate with an empty folder during commencement and mail official diplomas at a later date or allow diplomas to be picked up from the Registrar's office.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be presented to Academic Council immediately,

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