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**RESOLUTION**


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**Certified:**   
Speaker of the Senate Frank

  
Senator Taylor

  
Senator Burns

**Signed:**   
SGA President Jones

  
SGA Vice President Ash

**Resolution Supporting Enhanced Course Information at Registration**

WHEREAS, currently most course descriptions available to students during the registration period provide insufficient information regarding the content and logistics of a course,

WHEREAS, the University of Vermont does not publish a paper course catalog, meaning that space constraints do not exist for course descriptions provided during the registration period,

WHEREAS, the Federal Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 specifies that information regarding assigned textbooks must be provided within online pre-registration course information pages by July of 2010,

WHEREAS, providing more comprehensive information regarding course content and logistics would allow students to more accurately gauge the intensity of their upcoming semester as well as to choose electives that closely align with their intellectual interests,

WHEREAS, improving course information might stimulate greater interest in a course with consequent increases in registration,



WHEREAS, collection and archiving of syllabi based on a standardized criteria would provide a useful template and efficient means to enhance course information available at registration,

WHEREAS, multiple administrative bodies have already developed standardized syllabus templates that could be put into use immediately,

WHEREAS, archiving of syllabi from previous offerings of a particular course would also be of utility to students transferring into and out of UVM,

BE IT RESOLVED by the UVM SGA that the administration should require that academic departments publish more comprehensive course information prior to the registration period in order to provide clarity regarding the content and logistics of a course,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UVM SGA supports current administrative efforts to generate standardized criteria that must be addressed in a syllabus for any UVM course offering,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the UVM SGA that the generation of a standardized syllabus should also be considered as a template for the digital archiving of syllabi and as a suitable means to satisfy the demand for provision of enhanced course information.