



# Student Government

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO **BOULDER**

University of Colorado Student Government  
Legislative Council

## UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

11 April 2013

78 LCR 05 — Reinstatement of Reading Days

Sponsored By: Senators Rolland, Bogart, Yeung, Phillips, Kalata, Gore, Sorensen,  
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### A Resolution of Support to the Reinstatement of Reading Days

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#### Resolution History

Finals are among the most stressful times for CU students. Many students learn new material on a Friday afternoon and are forced to take a cumulative final exam the following morning. Situations like these pressure students to pull “all-nighters” and resort to caffeine and study drugs, which are dangerous and unhealthy. Additionally, this lack of study time does not allow students to perform their best on exams. A break between the end of classes and the beginning of final exams would help solve these issues.

In 1998, this break between the end of end of classes and the beginning of final exams was eliminated (excluding the Law School). This break, also called Reading Days, served as a period of time for students to prepare themselves for final exams. The break was eliminated in order to extend Fall Break to a full week. However, analysis with the Chancellor and the Vice Provost of the university has concluded that one day for both the Fall and Spring semesters could be introduced without changing the length of Fall Break.

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#### Resolution Summary

This resolution requests that the University of Colorado at Boulder reinstates a Reading Day for both the Fall and Spring semesters. Collaboration with Chancellor DiStefano, Vice-Provost Kaempfer, and Vice-Chancellor Coffin has yielded two scenarios to make the reintroduction possible.

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**Whereas:** Final exams begin the day after classes end, giving students less than twenty-four hours in between classes and exams; and

**Whereas:** Final exams are the most stressful weeks of the year for most students; and

**Whereas:** Extremely limited time to study increases the need to miss sleep or pull ‘all-nighters’ in order to study which has severe health implications; and

**Whereas:** The two options below were made with input from several school officials, and represent plans that are both feasible and possible to implement; and

**Whereas:** Chancellor DiStefano, Vice-Provost Kaempfer, and Vice-Chancellor of Student Affairs Coffin have all provided input and agreed that the student body stands to benefit from the reintroduction of reading days.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislative Council of the University of Colorado Student Government, THAT:

**Section 1:** Legislative Council and CUSG will formally support and encourage the administration; including but not limited to the Boulder Faculty Assembly and Office of the Chancellor, to reintroduce reading days by following one of the options below. NOTE: these options would apply to both fall and spring semesters.

- A. Push finals and graduation back by one day. Finals go Monday through Friday, thus moving graduation to Saturday.
- B. Cancel last Thursday and Friday of classes and move finals up one day. Thursday is the reading day. Finals are from Friday to Wednesday (skipping Sunday as usual). Recognition ceremonies are a full day (eliminates conflict), and graduation is not altered.

**Section 2:** CUSG does not favor either one option over another; both plans provide a reading day and are acceptable to the student body.

**Section 3:** These plans are proposed, with input from the administration, in order to give maximum flexibility to those making the final decision, since many scheduling concerns are involved.

**Section 4:** This resolution shall take effect upon passage by the Legislative Council and upon obtaining the signatures of the Legislative Council President and the signatures of two Executives or the lapse of six days without action by the Executives.

## Vote Count

04/11/2013  
04/18/2013

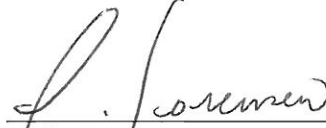
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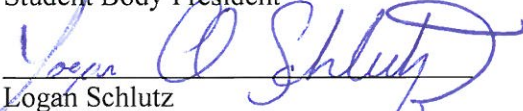
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