RESOLUTION ON CLASS BREAKS

Whereas, a common problem at Indiana University – Bloomington is that faculty teaching classes longer than 90 minutes do not allow breaks for students;

Whereas, students with disabilities often need breaks;

Whereas, gender neutral bathrooms on campus are less accessible, on different floors, or may require waiting in lines;

Whereas, students with children and/or who are breastfeeding may depend on breaks for various reasons related to parenthood;

Whereas, as a result of these issues combined with the lack of break allotment, students are often forced to choose between using the bathroom, consuming food or water, taking care of their bodies, or missing important class time;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that –

(1) The GPSG advocates for a campus-wide requirement that every faculty member must allow for a 10-minute break in all synchronous courses extending beyond 90 minutes;

(2) The GPSG advocates that additional 10-minute breaks be given for each additional hour beyond the first 90 minutes of class;

(3) The GPSG advocates that these breaks must be administered no later than 30 minutes before class ends.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on this 4th day of March, 2022.

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