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**Resolution Urging the University to Extend the Add/Drop Period**

*Whereas* it is the duty of the Rutgers University Student Assembly to promote the interests of Rutgers University Students; and

*Whereas* the current seven day Drop period and eight day Add period does not offer students adequate time to decide if they should Add or Drop a class; and

*Whereas* extending the Add/Drop period would enable students to make more informed decisions about classes before dropping or adding them; and

*Whereas* other schools, including Duke University<sup>1</sup>, the University of Michigan<sup>2</sup>, The George Washington University<sup>3</sup>, and Harvard University<sup>4</sup> currently have Drop/Add periods that extend to two weeks or more; and

*Whereas* the Add/Drop period can only be changed or modified by the Rutgers University Senate; and

*Whereas* the Senate last evaluated the Add/Drop period in 2001<sup>5</sup>; therefore

***Be it hereby resolved*** the Rutgers University Student Assembly recommends and strongly urges the administration of Rutgers University and the Rutgers University Senate to extend the Add/Drop Period to two weeks, starting from the beginning of classes.

CC:

Kenneth Iuso, Rutgers University Registrar;  
Phillip Fumanski, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Rutgers University  
Ken Swalagin, Executive Secretary of the Senate, Rutgers University

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<sup>1</sup> <http://t-reqs.trinity.duke.edu/dropadd.html>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/lsa/detail/0,2034,378%255Farticle%255F870,00.html>

<sup>3</sup> <http://gwired.gwu.edu/dos/dos2/FAQ/>

<sup>4</sup> [http://webdocs.registrar.fas.harvard.edu/ugrad\\_handbook/current/ugrad\\_handbook.pdf](http://webdocs.registrar.fas.harvard.edu/ugrad_handbook/current/ugrad_handbook.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <http://senate.rutgers.edu/dropadd2.html>