RESOLUTION #: SEN-2-20-2011A

TITLE: Middlebury College Student Government Association support for Reading Period
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Whereas, the finals periods at the end of each semester are a time of significant stress for the student body;

Whereas, Middlebury’s final exam schedule gives students a reading period of just two days, often running concurrently with a weekend;

Whereas, Middlebury’s peer schools do have reading periods in addition to any weekend time (Williams, Amherst, Bowdoin, Pomona, Dartmouth, and Carleton each have two days excluding the weekend; Swarthmore and Wellesley each have three days excluding the weekend; Princeton, Yale, and Harvard each have five excluding the weekend);

Whereas, an extended reading period would give students more time to prepare assignments and enable flexibility in study times;

Whereas, an extended reading period would enable students to maximize their performance ability on exams and assignments;

Whereas, above all, an extended reading period would be a fairer way of helping students deal with a stressful time;

Resolved,

That the SGA strongly urges the College administration to include at least a two-day reading period (in addition to the weekend) when planning final exam schedules for the 2011-2012 academic year and going forward, without affecting the length of the seven-day finals period.

Respectfully Submitted,

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Originally proposed.