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Text:

A RESOLUTION TO BE INTRODUCED BY *Chair of Arts & Academics and Spring Start Liaison*
24-250xR01: A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFORM OF THE ACADEMIC CREDIT POLICY, IN REGARD TO THE SPRING START CLASS OF 2026

WHEREAS, a new academic policy has been put in place for students entering Oxford College in 2024 or later, and;

WHEREAS, this newly enacted academic credit policy states a maximum of 8 credit hours, whether AP, IB or college credit course work, can count towards a student's Oxford Associate of Arts degree; and,

WHEREAS, this new academic policy disproportionately affects Spring Start as it would require them to take a minimum of 19 credit hours per semester to complete the Oxford Associate of Arts Degree, without enrolling in Emory Summer School; and,

WHEREAS, recent survey results of the Oxford Spring Start Class of 2023, 2024, and 2025 demonstrate that 94% of respondents would be much less likely (70%) or less likely (24%) to accept their offer as a Spring Start student if under this new academic policy; and,

WHEREAS, recent survey results of the Oxford Spring Start Class of 2023, 2024, and 2025 demonstrate that 82% of respondents would have been unlikely to accept their offer as a Spring Start student under this new academic policy at all; and,

WHEREAS, recent survey results of the Oxford Spring Start Class of 2023, 2024, and 2025 demonstrate that 88% of respondents, in retrospect, would not feel confident in their abilities to complete the 65-credit hour requirement by Oxford College in their three semesters on-campus; and,

WHEREAS, taking an academic course load of 19 credits or more, every single semester, produces undue stress and limits extracurricular involvement for students, especially in their first semester; and,

WHEREAS, pursuing mobility credit in the Fall semester provided much needed structure and preparation for Spring Start students; and,

WHEREAS, enrolling in Emory Summer School provides unnecessary financial hardships on students and includes possible relocation, such as in the case of practice laboratory courses; and,

WHEREAS, the students of the Oxford ASC's Peer Advising Network, Oxford Student Admissions Ambassadors, and Oxford Student Government Association have discussed with admitted students and their parents regarding the negative impact this credit policy has for the Spring Start Class of 2026

alongside a genuine worry regarding mental wellbeing with this courseload.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Oxford College Student Government, that we call on Oxford College to create an application for the Spring Start class of 2026 that would allow them to bring in up to 12 AP and mobility credits; and,

RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Oxford College Student Government, that we call on Oxford College to create an application for the Spring Start class of 2026 that would allow them to have any transient credit taken in the summer semester between their first- and second-year count towards their Oxford College diploma (up to 12 hours combined with any AP and mobility credits brought in by students).