

An Act to Make Syllabi Accessible to Students

- Whereas,** choosing classes to take when registering for an upcoming semester can be a complicated process for students, **and,**
- Whereas,** the only direct way to access course descriptions on Eagle Online is through Degree Works and Schedule Planner, both of which provide very broad information on courses, **and**
- Whereas,** brief course descriptions often do not give students a clear grasp on what to expect in their intended classes, **and,**
- Whereas,** providing an additional source of information about classes, a syllabus for each professor from the previous semester, would give students a better understanding for the curriculum and what is expected from each professor, **and,**
- Whereas,** students may have a clearer insight into the teaching methodologies of each course and professor prior to registration, in order to make the best choice that aligns with their learning preference, **and,**
- Whereas,** granting students access to previous semester syllabi can help them to be more prepared for the workload, and thus earn higher grades in their classes and be less likely to drop said courses, **and,**
- Whereas,** Tennessee Tech prioritizes giving students tools to assist them in building successful academic careers.

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF TENNESSEE TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY THAT

- Section 1:** This bill shall be known as the "Syllabi Accessibility Act of 2021".
- Section 2:** Tech Express will be updated by the Information Technology Services so that professors and lab instructors may add their most updated syllabus to each course.
- Section 3:** Students will be able to access syllabi through Tech Express.
a. A syllabus bank database will be made accessible to all students through Tech Express as an application.
- Section 4:** The syllabi that students can access on Tech Express will be the most updated syllabi that is available.
a. Contact information such as emails and phone numbers may be omitted at professor's or instructor's discretion.
- Section 5:** Each academic department will upload and update syllabi as needed, approximately a month before registration opens.

Section 6: This Bill shall take effect immediately upon passage by the Student Government Association, the welfare of the students requiring it.

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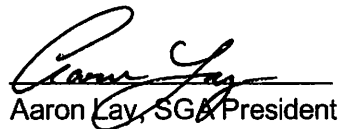
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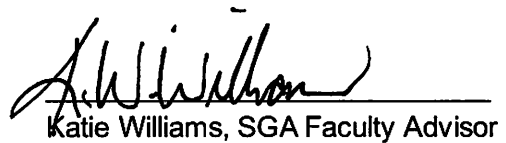
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