

**RESOLUTION #14-10**  
**Commencement Resolution**

Date: September 8, 2014

Authored by: Senator Matthew Cowan, SGA Legislative Affairs Chairman, Legislative Committee

Sponsored by: President Tyler Barker, Vice-President Nick Buford, President, Pro Temp Christopher J Hellams.

Be it enacted by the Senate of Valdosta State University (VSU) here assembled, that:

**WHEREAS**, The student body votes on the idea that commencement may be held according to a respective date chosen by the options given in a commencement survey which will be administered during the Fall of 2014.

**WHEREAS**, In doing so will provide a voice for the students and give the students of Valdosta State University a democratic unity among their peers.

**WHEREAS**, The options given are as follows: The first choice gives students the right to hold their graduation ceremony or commencement on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 8:00 AM Saturday morning. The second choice gives students the right to hold their commencement day on two separate days which are May 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 and May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015 or Friday and Saturday. In doing so there will be two services held Friday and three services held Saturday.

**WHEREAS**, The students who have the majority of the vote between the two options will decide for the student body of their commencement class

**WHEREAS**, to practice fair voting rights exercised by their respective peers.

**WHEREAS**, The date selected will remain unless the student body of the commencement class that are set to graduate after the 2014-2015 school year decides to abolish this resolution and the choice made by the current graduation class.

**WHEREAS**, In doing so will provide flexibility for both the student body and administrators of Valdosta State University.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resolution display support from Student Government Association to the Academic Scheduling Committee to implement the above listed proposal for the 2014-2015 school year, in favor of the majority of the student poll. Also a separate survey will be given if a speaker deemed representative of the student body is voted and approved.

**FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be distributed as deemed fit by the Student Government Association President upon passage.

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