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**A Resolution-**

**A Resolution to be known as “A Resolution calling for an Extension of Hours for Bobcat Bobbies during Spring 2019 Finals” which strives to maintain safety for all Bobcats during the stressful times surrounding finals.**

**WHEREAS:** The City of San Marcos has witnessed an increase in the number of violent sexual assaults within recent weeks, including on April 29, 2019 and May 2, 2019, in which three females were sexually assaulted within their own homes[[1]](#footnote-1); and

**WHEREAS:** Both apartments where the sexual assaults occurred The Retreat and The Cottages are marketed as student-centered communities with The Retreat serving as an ‘Official Student Housing Partner of Texas State Athletics’[[2]](#footnote-2); and

**WHEREAS:** Texas State University finals begin on May 8 and end on May 15 and many students will be staying late on-campus to study for finals as Alkek Library begins to be open for 24-hours beginning on May 6 until May 15[[3]](#footnote-3); and

**WHEREAS:** Students have expressed fear to be on campus late at night; and

**WHEREAS:** Bobcat Bobbies operates from dusk until 1 a.m. every night and UPD Security Services operates from 1 a.m. until dawn 7 days a week currently[[4]](#footnote-4); and

**BE IT RESOLVED:** The Texas State University Student Government urges campus administration and the UPD to extend Bobcat Bobbies escort hours during final exams; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**: During the summer semesters of 2019, UPD reviews ways to increase the Bobcat Bobbies presence on-campus and their promptness during evening hours including, but not limited to, an extension of Bobcat Bobbies hours, a safety tracking implementation to ensure who are not seen during pick-up are not in danger, ways to cut down on wait times for those who call upon the service, and well-advertised and well-lit central waiting locations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** If passed, this simple resolution be forwarded to the Student Body President for action.

1. Sonia Garcia, The University Star [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. American Campus Communities [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Texas State University Alkek Library [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Texas State University Police Department [↑](#footnote-ref-4)