

# ASLMU Senate

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## Resolution SR 23-2

### LMU Moveout Parameters

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*I. WHEREAS*, Loyola Marymount University claims to promote, “The encouragement of learning, the education of the whole person, the service of faith and the promotion of justice”. With the encouragement of learning, students deserve ample time to study for their scheduled final exams. Those with exams scheduled on Friday of finals week are forced to prepare for move out by starting to pack up their dorm rooms or apartments, and study at the same time, as the Friday move out time is by 6:00pm that day.

*II. WHEREAS*, the present rules of move out require students to clear out 24 hours after their final, or before 6 pm on Friday, whichever comes first. Loyola Marymount University’s claim to encourage learning cannot hold true when students do not have dedicated time to study. This is harmful to students' grades and focus, because many of them have to worry about final exams, while at the same time worry about packing and moving out.

*III. WHEREAS*, if students have a late exam on Friday, they are not given adequate timing to move out. And students have specifically expressed their distress with having to deal with juggling studying and making sure they are putting their schoolwork first, while at the same time having to preparing for move out.

*IV. WHEREAS*, students deserve to have the ability to devote their time to preparing and studying for finals, allowing them to think about moving out until after they have completed their last final. All students at Loyola Marymount University deserve to utilize a 24 hour move out period after their last final exam as it is fair to all.

*V. WHEREAS*, Georgetown University, a fellow Jesuit University, in the 2022-2023 academic year had final examinations taking place from May 7-13 and had a move out deadline of May 14th. Since the university scheduled final examinations Sunday-Saturday they offered the following, “Non-graduating students must vacate 24 hours after their last exam or by 10:00 AM on Sunday, May 14, 2023, whichever comes first. Graduating seniors are required to move out by 10:00 AM on Monday, May 22, 2023”<sup>1</sup>. With a final move out day of Sunday, it offers all students 24 hours to move out after their final exam, creating equality for students living on campus and for those with an exam on the last day of scheduled examinations.

*VI. WHEREAS*, a rushed move out creates more stress, having students throw away more things that they do not know what to do with. During move out, there have been many reusable things that are thrown away because students do not have enough time to think of what they are going to do with these items (mirrors, shoe racks, ottomans, fans, etc.).

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*VII. WHEREAS*, Loyola Marymount claims that, “When it comes to environmental sustainability, LMU takes the lead. Whether in the classroom, through research endeavors, or various campus initiatives, LMU is committed to bettering the environment in creative, eco-friendly ways”. An implementation of a Move Out Drive would help students put their used items to better use than being thrown away, creating less waste that Loyola Marymount University would need to process.

*VIII. WHEREAS*, Georgetown University, a fellow Jesuit University, prepares for its students active discarding of items still able to be used by implementing a Move Out Drive. The Move Out Drive gives students the opportunity to donate any slightly used, furniture, books, clothes, non-perishable food and other items. Georgetown claims, “The Move Out Drive addresses the environmental challenge of unwanted clothing, books, school supplies and household goods that Georgetown students discard each year as they move out of their school-year residences. Applying the university’s social justice mission to this challenge, Georgetown partners with various local charities to collect and donate these unwanted items, providing everyday basic household goods to meet real life needs people experiencing homelessness in the DC region”.<sup>1</sup> This move out drive would positively impact the community through donations, further aligning with Loyola Marymount University’s Jesuit ideals.

*IX. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, Loyola Marymount University Student Housing shall implement a later move out schedule to allow for students to focus on their studies first, aligning with the University’s encouragement of learning. In hand, also creating less waste that students are throwing away, further contributing to LMU’s goal to become a more sustainable university.

*X. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, that Loyola Marymount University creates a revision to the move-out parameters, giving equitable move out periods to those with Friday exams. Committing to 24-hour move out period for all students is fair to all, especially those with final exams on Friday.

*XI. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, a Move Out Drive similar to that of Georgetown University’s be implemented as it aligns with Loyola Marymount University’s claim of commitment to bettering the environment along with its Jesuit ideals.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://residentialliving.georgetown.edu/living/move/returning/>

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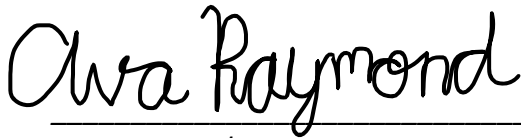
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