

Faculty Senate Coversheet

Resolution/Motion Title: Proposal to Amend the Academic Calendar Spring Recess Scheduling Parameters

Faculty Document 3132

Sponsor: University Committee

Vote on document: February 5, 2024

Individuals/Committees Consulted: Jennifer Mnookin, Chancellor; Charles Isbell, Provost; Scott Owczarek, Registrar; Faculty Senate; ASM; Academic Staff Executive Committee (ASEC); Terry Fritter, Central Committee chair; John Zumbrunnen, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Jeff Novak, University Housing

Background/Purpose:

The idea for this proposal was prompted by a faculty senator asking if UW-Madison could align its spring break with area school districts. In the spring of 2023, Lauren Papp, UC chair at the time, surveyed local school districts and found that almost all public school districts were planning to hold spring break during the last full week of March. The proposal to move UW-Madison's spring break to the last full week of March except when Passover and Good Friday align during the same week was vetted with numerous individuals and groups late last spring and this fall. This proposal has not been changed since the first reading at the December Senate meeting.

Distribution (if approved):

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A vote in favor of this means your department supports changing how spring break is determined starting with the spring 2025 semester.

A vote against this means your department does not support changing how spring break is determined starting with the spring 2025 semester.

Meeting Guide

(Can be used to track amendments/changes to resolutions or motions up for consideration)

Main Motion/Resolution Moved: _____ **Seconded**

Discussion (This is where you can ask questions or make comments)

If no further amendments, vote is taken on main motion with amendments if any.

Vote on Main Motion Aye _____ Nay _____

Amendment Moved: _____ **Seconded**

Discussion (This is where you can ask questions or make comments)

Vote on Amendment Aye _____ Nay _____

If aye, amendment now included in main motion. If nay, main motion not amended.

Amendment Moved: _____ **Seconded**

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