

2019-2020 Calendar Options for Discussion at Academic Senate 11/15

The only difference between the two proposed calendars is the placement of the fall Flex Day. Both options propose the additional day be on a Tuesday to keep the number of instructional days balance throughout the week and allows for a long weekend.

Mandated holidays in the fall of 2019 include:

- Monday Sept. 2 – Labor Day
- Monday Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Thursday-Friday Nov. 28-29 – Thanksgiving

Number of instructional days:

M 15, T 16, W 17, Th 16 and F 16

It should be noted that the District cannot claim apportionment if the week is less than 3 days long, therefore, unfortunately, we cannot take the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a Flex day.

Version 1: Flex Day, Tuesday Sept. 3rd

- Pro – The long weekend is during warm season
- Pro – For 8 week classes they would have 2 non-instructional days and the second 8 week classes would have 3 non-instructional days.
- Con – It is hard to get momentum going when we just came back to school weeks earlier.
- Con – Students that are in classes that meet once a week have very little time to decide if they want to drop a class before the census date. There have been student complaints in this regard.

Version 2: Flex Day, Tuesday Nov. 12th

- Pro – Students can use a break after the midpoint of the semester when they are fatigued.
- Pro – Students benefit from having more of a break later in the semester when they may have increased workloads and projects.
- Pro – Two disruptions in November that are close together make it easier to coordinate multiple sections of classes, especially labs that require extensive set-ups and meet once a week.
- Con – there are two breaks in November, with only one full week in between
- Con – since Veterans Day moves throughout the week (staying on the 11th or the closest weekend date) this Monday/Tuesday pattern cannot be consistent on all calendars. Therefore, it is necessary to look at the Academic Calendar as it changes each fall.
- Con - For 8 week classes they would have 1 non-instructional days and the second 8 week classes would have 4 non-instructional days. (If classes are less than 8 weeks, then the number of days is counted and this does not apply).