

# 2020-2021 Academic Calendar Issues

There two major issues: 1) two calendar options and 2) add code requirements to have the Senate address:

## Issue 1: The placement of the Flex day Fall 20

Would we rather have the flex day attached to Labor Day or mid semester?

Pros and Cons

- Flex Attached to Labor Day (Tuesday) – Calendar Option A  
Fall 2020 Number of class meetings Option A: M 16, Tues 16, Wed 16, Thurs 16, Fri 16
  - Pro for Labor Day – the number of days of instruction is even for M/W, T/TH and F classes
  - Pro for Labor Day – long weekend while the weather is likely to be good
  - Pro for Labor Day – M/W classes and T/Th classes meet the same number of times that week. Thus multi-section classes stay in sync with each other. That is significant, especially in lab classes
  - Con for Labor Day – we don't need a break that early and it interrupts students ability to get into a class groove
- Flex Attached to Halloween (Friday) – Calendar Option B  
Fall 2020 Number of class meetings Option B: M 16, Tues 17, Wed 16, Thurs 16, Fri 15
  - Pro for Halloween – have a break day later in the semester when students might need it more, but it is a Friday, therefore, it won't affect many students
  - Pro for Halloween – we'd have Halloween off
  - Con for Halloween – uneven number of classes/day – see above.
- **Why not attach the flex day to Thanksgiving?** We all love the idea of having Wednesday off before Thanksgiving, but we cannot receive apportionment for a two day work week, so it is not an option.
- **Why not attach the flex day to Vets Day?** – since Vets day is on a Wed. this year, and we made the flex day on Tuesday (which keeps the number of days equal), then how many students would come on Monday?  
If we made the flex Thursday, then Thursday sections have fewer meeting than other days of the week. This is significant for sections and labs that meet one day/week. And would Friday students also take a long weekend? Number of class meetings: M 16, Tues 17, Wed 16, Thurs 15, Fri 16

## Issue 2: When to start requiring add codes

- Currently, once a class closes, an add code is required to add the class; however, for open sections, students can add without an add codes (and without attending)
- Possible change: Add codes required for open AND closed courses as soon as that section starts. In either case, Students will have three weeks to register late with add codes.