

RESOLUTION: The University Senate supports the idea of a Fall Break (i.e., a 3 or 4 day week-end in mid- to late October) for future years.

JUSTIFICATION: The Fall semester has a 3 day Thanksgiving Break (not including the week-end). The Spring semester has a 2 day Presidents' Holiday Break (not including the week-end), a 5 day Spring Break (not including the week-end), and a 1 day "Day of Prayer" break (if Good Friday does not fall during Spring Break). In the Fall, students are exhausted by the time the Thanksgiving Break comes. An additional day or 2 off in October would relieve some of the stress of the Fall semester for students; this is educationally sound. The 1 or 2 days missed could be made up by either starting the Fall semester a day or 2 earlier and/or eliminating 1 of the 2 reading days at the end of the Fall semester.

Several years ago, the Biology department sent a similar resolution to the Senate. The Senate approved the resolution. Dr. Buccini said that he would discuss this with the Academic Vice Presidents of the other CSU campuses since we have a common schedule, and he subsequently said that the Academic VPs were not in favor of a Fall Break.

We respectfully request that the University Senate put this back on the table for the sake of our students.