

Fac/IAS survey responses regarding the proposed calendar changes (4-13-2010)

n = 136

Pages 1-4 provide the results of the rankings.

Pages 5- 20 include the comments from the Fac/IAS respondents. Comments are provided by option and sorted by ranking from most favorable to least.

Note – Page 4 of this report includes rankings from 31 Academic Staff.

#	Answer	Response	%
3	SAH	74	56%
2	CLS	50	38%
1	CBA	7	5%
	Total	131	100%

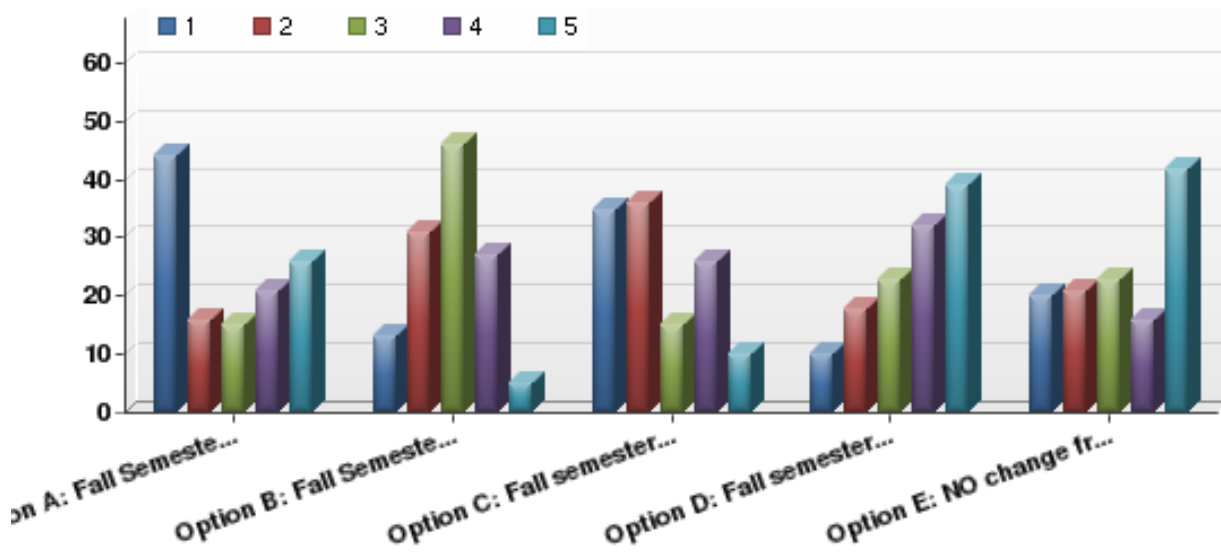
#	Answer	Response	%
1	I have never served as a chair	103	81%
2	I have served as a chair but am no longer serving	11	9%
3	I am currently a chair	13	10%
	Total	127	100%

Percent appointment

#	Answer	Response	%
1	100%	128	96%
2	50-99%	5	4%
3	less than 50%	0	0%
	Total	133	100%

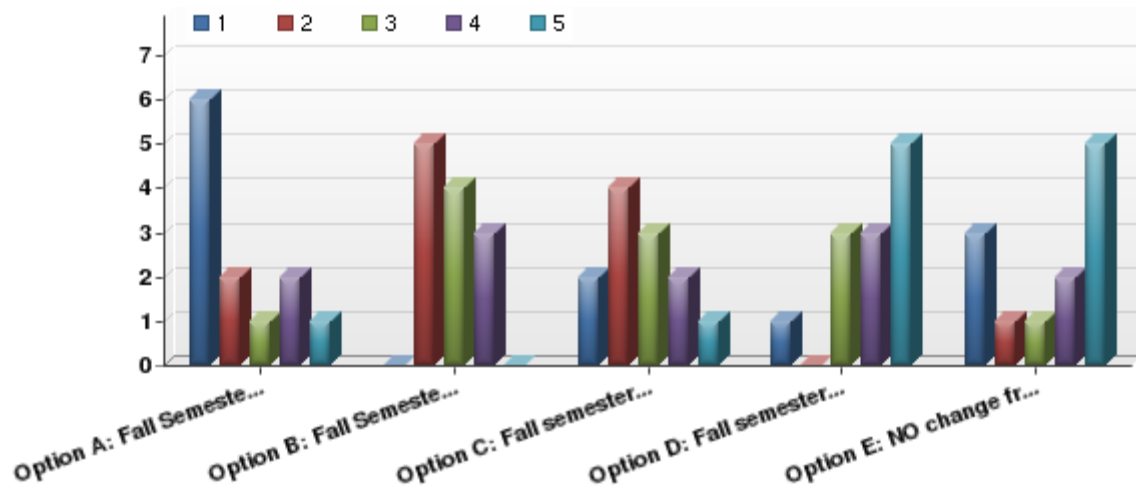
OPTIONS – RANKINGS (overall)

#	Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Responses
1	Option A: Fall Semester with a 2-day M-T break in the 7th week	44	16	15	21	26	122
2	Option B: Fall Semester with additional day(s) during Thanksgiving week	13	31	46	27	5	122
3	Option C: Fall semester with no break except the T/F of Thanksgiving Week	35	36	15	26	10	122
4	Option D: Fall semester with a full week off at Thanksgiving	10	18	23	32	39	122
5	Option E: NO change from the current calendar - all start dates are after Labor Day.	20	21	23	16	42	122
	Total	122	122	122	122	122	



OPTIONS RANKINGS – PERCENT indicating the options as #1 or #2 preference	Percent of respondents ranking the Option as "1" or "2"
Option C: Fall semester with no break except the T/F of Thanksgiving Week	58%
Option A: Fall Semester with a 2-day M-T break in the 7th week	49%
Option B: Fall Semester with additional day(s) during Thanksgiving week	36%
Option E: NO change from the current calendar - all start dates are after Labor Day.	34%
Option D: Fall semester with a full week off at Thanksgiving	23%

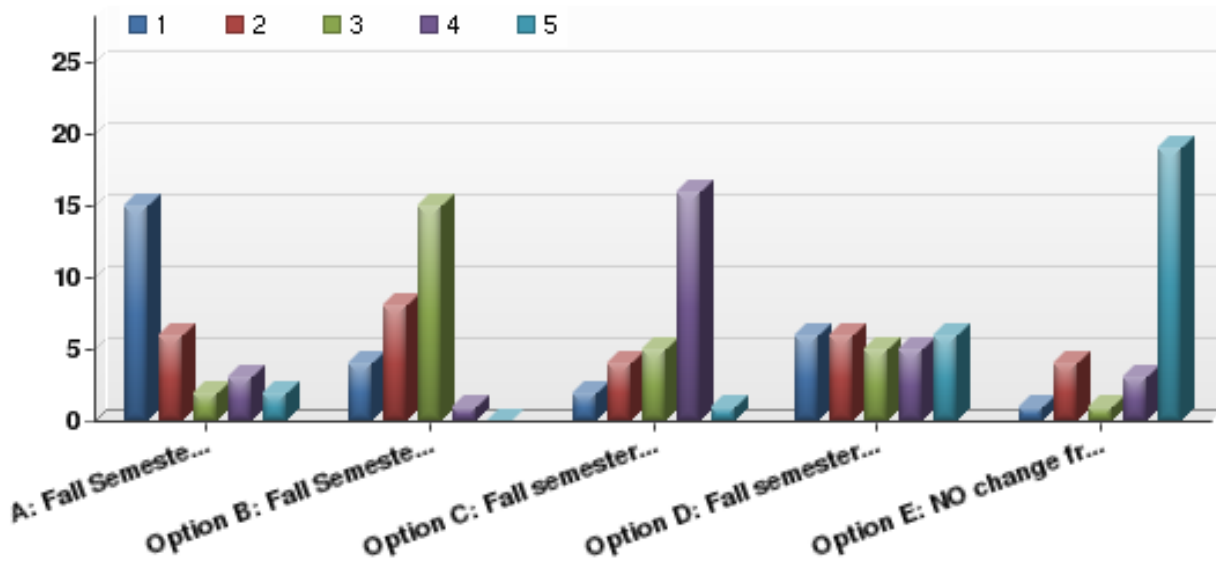
OPTIONS RANKINGS (Dept Chairs – data requested by SEC)



#	Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Responses
1	Option A: Fall Semester with a 2-day M-T break in the 7th week	6	2	1	2	1	12
2	Option B: Fall Semester with additional day(s) during Thanksgiving week	0	5	4	3	0	12
3	Option C: Fall semester with no break except the T/F of Thanksgiving Week	2	4	3	2	1	12
4	Option D: Fall semester with a full week off at Thanksgiving	1	0	3	3	5	12
5	Option E: NO change from the current calendar - all start dates are after Labor Day.	3	1	1	2	5	12
	Total	12	12	12	12	12	

31 ACADEMIC STAFF – responses

#	Answer	1	2	3	4	5	Responses
1	Option A: Fall Semester with a 2-day M-T break in the 7th week	15	6	2	3	2	28
2	Option B: Fall Semester with additional day(s) during Thanksgiving week	4	8	15	1	0	28
3	Option C: Fall semester with no break except the T/F of Thanksgiving Week	2	4	5	16	1	28
4	Option D: Fall semester with a full week off at Thanksgiving	6	6	5	5	6	28
5	Option E: NO change from the current calendar - all start dates are after Labor Day.	1	4	1	3	19	28
	Total	28	28	28	28	28	



Option A Option A - FEEDBACK

- 1 At my undergraduate college, after they instituted a short fall break midway through the semester, the infirmary noted a significant drop in cases of mono, bronchitis, etc. So I think that a strong argument for this version is better health of our students (and probably faculty, too).
- 1 Bravo! And thanks! We need a break earlier in the semester than Turkey Day.
- 1 Break in 7th week will give an opportunity for catching up early enough in the semester to make a difference.
- 1 Even though I teach labs, I still prefer this option. As it is, we "cope" with a half week in Thanksgiving week, and I firmly believe, at least in the courses I've taught, we can adjust. This option is the only one that provides a break midway in the semester.
- 1 Excellent schedule, far better than all others!
- 1 GREAT!!!
- 1 Having a mid-semester break during fall semester would be a great way regroup/reenergize before the end-of-semester push. I also really like the idea of starting the semester a little earlier in order to end with one or two additional days between the last day of the semester and Christmas.
- 1 I feel strongly about having a break in the middle of the semester--we all (faculty and students) are currently too burned out in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving to be as effective as we need to be.
- 1 I like the idea of a break coming earlier in the semester - before Thanksgiving, but I wish the break could be a full week like Spring Break in the Spring term so that the week isn't disrupted, thus my first choice is between option A and D.
- 1 I respect the committee's work and their recommendation. It looks like the best compromise
- 1 I'd prefer to see commencement rather than finals be scheduled on Sundays when it is necessary.
- 1 In general, I like the idea of starting before Labor Day. The 2 day break in October would be welcome.
- 1 Option A is mid-semester and allows a students and faculty alike a chance to regroup- much like Spring Break does. A great mental health break!
- 1 Please, please, please... going until Thanksgiving is just too long.
- 1 The break in the middle of the semester is a great idea!
- 1 The two day break comes early enough in the semester to be effective in providing a chance to catch your breath and re-energize for the 2nd half of the semester.
- 1 We all need a break during the Fall. Ending before Christmas would be a plus
- 1 We definitely need a break during the fall semester that occurs before week 11 or 12 (i.e., the week of Thanksgiving). Option A fulfills that need.
- 1 YES...this is what is NEEDED!

- 2 An October break sounds good, except that attendance is already extremely poor for the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, so we might as well have some break then.
- 2 I don't believe a break at that time is necessary after a long summer break.
- 2 I like the idea of a break for students as well as faculty. Students are worn to the bone by Thanksgiving, and I'm not much better! The only reason I ranked it 2nd is because I prefer having an extra day for Thanksgiving.
- 2 I would have liked this if the days off would have been the same ones as my children have off from school. Since this does not work (I can understand why), I am less interested in it. It still may help people catch up with work.
- 2 May have ranked this option first without the Sunday final.
- 2 Opt A is nice but I'd rather start after Labor Day.

Option A Option A - FEEDBACK

- 3 Although a refreshing idea in practice, as a laboratory instructor where growth of bacteria and timing between growth and observation are important, fewer full weeks doesn't really cooperate with growth of these critters.
- 3 Although I would appreciate a 'breather' mid-semester, I cannot support any calendar change that affects lab classes in such a negative way.
- 3 Does not adequately accomodate labs
- 3 I do not like the idea of "vacation" days in the middle of the semester, I would rather have the semester start later or end earlier. Same comment about Spring Break, although I know I am not going to win that one.
- 3 I don't see the point of breaking up yet another week. 3 day weeks are basically 1-2 day weeks as students will just take off early. This seems inefficient and disruptive. Any perceived benefit will be outweighed by the disadvantages.
- 3 I like the earlier start date when it can occur because we will not go right up until the holidays as we do now.
- 3 I would skip the mid-semester break to get finished earlier in December.
- 3 I'm worried about the labs.
- 3 NO - Would not work for lab sciences
- 3 This would disrupt lab schedules.

- 4 Effectively eliminiates a full week of PHY103 labs, which affects about 300 students. / Also eliminates the Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week. We traditionally have makeup/review sessions for PHY103 and PHY203 on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week. The students are free to come and go at anytime during these two days and most PHY103 students take advantage of it.
- 4 Having a MT break in the middle of the semester cuts back on the number of full weeks in which to offer laboratories. This calendar option would force elimination of important curriculum content in lab courses.
- 4 I don't think we need all the breaks that are provided, and they aren't a particular desirable trade-off for starting before Labor Day.
- 4 It is my understanding that option A does not provide enough full weeks to allow for the scheduling of many labs.
- 4 NO think this would give too many partial weeks making it difficult for lab sciences
- 4 problematic for performance-based departments as they try to plan for student crews, rehearsals, and
- 4 This is silly, and makes MTW-series labs have multiple skip weeks.
- 4 This option is completely disruptive to science laboratory courses. Adding an extra meeting during Thanksgiving week does not help the problem as some lab experiments run over multiple lab sessions because organisms need adequate time to grow. When students are already lagging behind most developed countries in math and science, the last thing we need to do is cut down on the amount of time the students get in the lab. With all the current advances in the sciences, we are constantly under pressure to add MORE to our course content; removing content is a disservice to our students. / / I also have major concerns about having finals on a Sunday. I worry about conflicts with religious obligations for students AND faculty. At the many institutions where I have been a student or faculty member, I have NEVER seen any with finals on a Sunday. It just seems to be going too far to get 2 additional days off (to "catch up") during the semester.

Option A Option A - FEEDBACK

4 This option screws up the lab schedules for chemistry labs, particularly for CHM 103. We will have approximately 527 students in that course next fall. It is bad pedagogy to have the Monday labs two weeks behind all the other lab sections when you are trying to coordinate lectures and labs. This happens immediately in 2015 and 2020. In 2012 and 2018, the Monday labs are one week behind until the break; then they are two weeks behind and the Tuesday labs fall one week behind. So in a given week after the break we would have three separate preps in one week; one for Monday a different one for Tuesday and a 3rd prep for Wednesday. That's a whole lot of work. Similar problems occur in the other years. CHM 104 (2nd chemistry course) will also experience problems. This schedule also gives final exams on a Sunday two out of the seven years. Disregarding the difficulties in the Freshman labs, if you really want to give students and faculty an opportunity to catch up on school work, make the days off Tuesday and Wednesday rather than extending a weekend. Extending a weekend just encourages out of town vacations and partying and tempts students to take off even more days during those weeks. And leave the library open and don't make This will cut a full week out of many lab courses. Which for many lab courses like Cell Biology does not mean simply cutting one week out. The lab experiments run over multiple weeks so that students can better experience the way real science is done - not in isolated 3 hour time blocks for an experiment. So in the 12 week years, a whole 2 week lab module would be cut out. In it's place would be a one-week stand alone lab, which is not the way science is done. One option would be that students could give their lab presentations during finals week, but it would mean making sure that no W, F classes or Th only lecture classes exist to conflict with the the M T Cell Biology labs, which run 7:45-5:20 on both M & T. In addition, it would mean that it would be impossible to offer more sections of Cell Biology which student demand indicates will be needed soon.

4 Two days is not worth going anywhere or doing anything. Too many lab schedules will be disrupted.

5 As a Christian I am strongly opposed to non-necessary work on a Sunday. Mankind was made to work six days per week and to set aside one day for rest and worship. Christians who take their faith with seriousness will be forced to either a) find coverage from non-Christian colleagues for those finals that may fall on Sunday (a situation which causes difficulty since the day of rest is important for everyone regardless of their religious belief) or b) if unable to find coverage will be forced to violate their conscience and work on the day of rest. / / This comment obviously applies to any schedule that requires anyone associated with UW-L to work on Sunday.

5 As someone who teaches and preps labs for the chemistry dept. I foresee a M/T break creating difficulties in lab scheduling.

5 As the Chemistry 103 Lab Coordinator, this is a complete disaster for the scheduling of labs!!! This would definitely result in at least one or two labs being cut from the Chemistry 103 Experiments, which I believe is an unfortunate disadvantage to the students. As an educator, I cannot support taking away the opportunity for students to learn through hands on experience in a laboratory setting!!

5 Big problem for lab courses.

5 Disrupting the week by having Mon and Tues off in the middle of the semester will severely disrupt the laboratory class offerings. Not only with the connection of the material to lecture but also the setting up of labs etc...

5 For our student body, my impression is that Sunday final exams will create a major headache. Students who object will require makeup exams, causing faculty to have to create 2 versions of any final exams that fall on Sundays. / / In addition, the increased number of "non-full" weeks will negatively impact many lab science courses, having a detrimental impact on student learning.

Option A Option A - FEEDBACK

- 5 Horrible option for science classes with labs (most of our classes). We already lose Thanksgiving week due to this. This will require reduction in our curriculum with no labs that week either or complete renovation of our lab/lecture complements and should thus be unacceptable. We already have an extra week for labs in the spring, so students taking classes in the fall versus spring would be shorted an additional lab in the fall
- 5 I do not like option A, because of the lab issue.
- 5 I think the committee must be on serious mind-altering drugs to promote this option. Frankly it is a disaster for the thousands of students taking lab classes that try to run the same experiment all week long. This shouldn't even be an option!
- 5 I would have to remove content from a lab course!!!!!!
- 5 If Option A were adopted, it would require certain lab courses to eliminate one or more labs from their curriculum. This is due to the fact that not all labs have designated rooms, and so multiple courses use the same room for labs...that means that one lab must be torn down and a new lab set up on a very strict schedule in order to make things work. This would no longer be possible with the calendar given as Option A.
- 5 Option A will not work with our current curriculum--due to the number of short weeks in option A, the laboratory component Biology 103/105 will need to be shortened by 1 week. This means re-structuring the course and re-writing laboratory content.
- 5 Students (and some faculty) leave now on Wednesday or even Tuesday (or don't come back from the previous Friday) before Thanksgiving. By having another 2-day break at another point in the semester, the absence frequency will definitely increase.
- 5 The discontinuity added by the early break is harmful. It causes significant problems for some of the large laboratory courses. I can see that it might be useful for some classes, but it really should be rule #1 that a new calendar should cause no harm to existing courses, and most especially for high-enrollment classes that
- 5 This is absolutely unworkable for any department with labs. Perhaps once we have a new science building in which we can dedicated lab rooms, but not now. Departments would have to Ddrop material from lab courses.
- 5 This makes scheduling for lab courses extremely difficult.
- 5 this option will wreak havoc on lab section scheduling in the sciences...
- 5 This would be a disaster for BIO 312 & 313. We have 500 students per semester and one lab room utilized 7:45am to 10 pm every day. If the calendar changes, we will will to delete labs and essential content from the curriculum.
- 5 We will loose an additional full week of general chemistry labs, which impacts about 1,000 students. We already loose a week at Thanksgiving, creating a disparity between fall and spring semesters. This would further impact the students.

NO RATING

Creating a 4-day weekend early in the semester allows for time for feedback on term paper project proposals or preliminary drafts, alternatively, time to grade midterms. I also offers more time to conduct a brief research project or to travel to a conference. Ideal time to organize UW-System meetings.

Option A Option A - FEEDBACK

I believe that having a two-day fall break is too disruptive to the schedule. I also believe that it sends the wrong message to John-Q-taxpayer that after 7 weeks of work we all need a "breather" to catch up. Non-academic calendars run 52 weeks a year and those employees often get very few "breathers" from their 5-day a week jobs. There is already a significant mis-conception that we "don't work" a full time job. / / Having two Monday's in a single week puts students who have Monday only sections of a class (lab or otherwise) in an unfair situation from their peers who have labs on Tu-Fr as they would have a "turn around time" for assignments/quizzes etc of 2 days while their peers have 7 days. For long term experiments, one group would have 7 days to complete the experiement while others would have two. We have several experiments that cannot be completed in 2 days. / / Also, I do not believe for one minute that changing the Wed before Thanksgiving to a Monday will cause students to stay at UWL rather than travel home. As it is, there is a perceived or real need to travel on that day, and it will continue. What will happen in that more people will be affected if that Wed is a Mon.

I like that there is a break earlier in October. This is exactly when students and faculty need to regroup and get caught up.

I think this change is long overdue - students and faculty need a break. I suspect that the lab courses can find a way to make it work.

Incompatible with lab sciences and I am a chemistry instructor.

This calendar would be an excellent change. A break is needed in the middle of the semester. Thanksgiving week breaks are too late to be useful.

This option would not work at all for sciences. We do not have the space necessary to run multiple labs per week to be able to teach content/concepts.

WONDERFUL IDEA TO HAVE A BREAK

Option B Option B- FEEDBACK

1 I would like having Wednesday off before Thanksgiving for people who need to travel to get home for Thanksgiving. The weather is not always nice, so it's nice if people can start out earlier on Wednesday. It is also a day area schools have off, so families can have the day off together.

1 Many people would have more time to try to get away and see family if they had extra time at Thanksgiving.

1 The B option seems a good compromise - most years a break day on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (when class attendance is atrocious), yet not making the end of semester too late. Plus B accommodates labs the students skip anyway on that Wednesday.

1 This is probably the least disruptive option that adds additional time off in the fall. Also no finals on Sunday.

1 This will work for many of us who have classes with only one lab per week and already can not hold labs thanksgiving week.

1 While the fall break in October is excellent, I travel for Thanksgiving, as do many of my students. Having an extra day to travel to family seems far more humane than expecting them to leave Wednesday night. The result of having Wednesday classes is that I have virtually empty classrooms, so we end up just messing about anyway. It's not a good day for intense class content. I would be far more inclined to stay up to business on the Tuesday because there's less reason for people to leave that early.

2 Having a Monday on the Wednesday before TG is bad. no one will be there. At least when it was a Friday, there were fewer classes to be disrupted

2 I'm concerned that any additional days in Thanksgiving week would encourage students to take the whole week. Thanksgiving week is too late in the semester to be helpful for catch-up.

2 More days at Thanksgiving makes more sense than a break in October.

2 Putting a break at Thanksgiving will be too late to be useful.

2 Special calender days, while seemingly a good idea, rarely work in practice. Most of my students are gone on the Friday/Wednesday afternoon before Thanksgiving, and nothing the calender does is going to change that.

2 TG is crammed into a brief time, this option would help

2 This is better than A, but I still don't see much incentive to start before Labor Day.

2 This option would be acceptable only for those years that still contain 13 full weeks of class.

2 Why would students bother to show-up for 2 days during Thanksgiving week?

3 2015, 2020, 2021 has the Monday freshman labs not starting until the W, Th, F labs have already met twice and the Tuesday labs have met once. A bad situation for prep and keeping lectures and labs in sync. The other years are okay. I am opposed to the one year when there is a week off at Thanksgiving. It's too late in the semester for that much time off--only two weeks of class left.

3 Doesn't negatively impact teaching, but do we really need one more day at Thanksgiving? Effectively eliminiates a full week of PHY103 labs, which affects about 300 students. / Also messes with Thanksgiving Week. We traditionally have makeup/review sessions for PHY103 and PHY203 on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week. The students are free to come and go at anytime during these two days and most PHY103 students take advantage of it.

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Option B Option B- FEEDBACK

- 3 Gaining a variable number of days each fall is less than desirable; years in which only a single day is gained are limited in use, ESPECIALLY when that day is the day before a major holiday. Too likely to be distracted into family stuff and not get time to catch up.
- 3 I believe that additional break days over Thanksgiving is not preferable. The longer the break the more 'review' that needs to take place on returning to class.
- 3 I like having the additional days off, but it is too late in the semester (making option A a better choice)
- 3 I like the idea of Wednesday before Thanksgiving, but if it is difficult for lab sciences, I don't think it should be done.
- 3 It is my understanding that option B does not provide enough full weeks to allow for the scheduling of many labs.
- 3 My second choice because it is so late. BUT, if we have to wait until Thanksgiving for a break, it might make the wait easier to know we get a whole week off when it comes!
- 3 Only two days of classes at Thanksgiving week will probably result in even more student absences and excuses.
- 3 Same comment. I am against options A, B, and D.
- 3 This is ok, but it may encourage students to skip Monday and Tuesday during this week.
- 3 This option is not problematic for the laboratory component of Biology 103/105. However, several of the other Biology laboratory components will have to also cut curriculum with the Option B calendar as we use shared space; if the lab is not available at specific times/days of the week, the laboratory can not run.

- 4 Although I would appreciate a 'breather' mid-semester, I cannot support any calendar change that affects lab classes in such a negative way.
- 4 Does not adequately accommodate labs
- 4 Having one extra day before T/F break at Thanksgiving will just lead students to be gone the whole week anyway.
- 4 I'm worried about the labs.
- 4 More students will skip the entire week.
- 4 NO - Would not work for lab sciences
- 4 Some years Mon classes don't start until 3rd week. Don't like week off at TG (see comment for Opt D).
- 4 The lack of consistency in this schedule is very undesirable, and would create confusion. Students who were freshman in Fall 2014 would get a week off for Thanksgiving, then be surprised to get only 2 days in 2015. And remembering what days are holidays / how the schedule works each year would be a hassle.
- 4 This is better than option A. It does less harm, and partly addresses the issue of the Thanksgiving week not allowing student travel time.
- 4 This is too random that setting up a schedule will be almost impossible as every year might bring something new. Although changing things up is fine in some areas of life, this is probably not one of them.
- 4 This will majorly tempt students to not come to class at all this week. This would also most likely result in a decrease in the number of experiments that could be run by the students, which is a clear disadvantage!
- 4 This would disrupt lab schedules

Option B Option B- FEEDBACK

- 4 Two additional days during Thanksgiving week is going to mean students skip the one day that week they are supposed to be here.
Way too much variability in its implementation from year to year. Sometimes you get the usual Thursday/Friday Thanksgiving holiday, but in another year you get the whole week off. It's way too late in the semester to grant an entire week off.
- 4 While it is nice to give students extra time to be with families over Thanksgiving, shortening the week of classes before Thanksgiving will simply encourage more students to take that week off. What does this say to students about how we value our course content?
- 4 Why? This option makes no sense to me.
- 5 A longer break during Thanksgiving doesn't help much as there are already only two weeks remaining in the semester. This is probably the worst choice as students will just skip class and take off the entire week.
- 5 The randomness of the number of days off during Thanksgiving week again does not cooperate with microbial growth.

NO RATING Better than no change

I would be in favor of this only because so many students miss that day anyway. When the schedule gets "off" balance from a short week, at least we only a few left. You can run the weeks out to finish a W, TH, F before finals to make up for that. Start before labor day with a Monday on a Friday where possible and you will have a complete "week 1" and not have to deal with that floating Monday.

Second best

The wed. before Thanksgiving would not be as productive as earlier in the semester.

This is good, but the extra day of break comes too late and I expect that our classes on M,T will be sparsely attended.

This is useless . . . you want option D if you go this way . . . it may allow students to recharge batteries prior to crunch time, or to get cheaper tickets to travel.

Option C Option C- FEEDBACK

- 1 A sensible, modest improvement on the status quo.
1 does have a consistent number of full weeks, and has the advantage of finishing earlier than the current calendar.
1 Best - start earlier - If OK for lab sciences - Otherwise, current calendar is fine if that works better
1 Finishing the earlier the better
1 Good, works with labs and earlier end date
1 I have no opinion about option C.
1 I like the idea of starting earlier in the year than we did in fall of 2009.
1 I think finishing earlier is more valuable than an extra day at thanksgiving (option B)and doesn't conflict with labs like version A.
1 It will start Winter break sooner, and reduce the number of students who want to reschedule a final so they can leave earlier. Maintains integrity of teaching schedule and expectations.
1 Like the idea of being able to start before Labor Day!
1 My preferred option
1 Ranked equally with Option D as the best option. Either C or D provide the best scheduling for all disciplines across campus.
1 The best option. It makes more sense to start before Labor Day than to mess around with the schedule during the semester.
1 There are also problems with some of the years for the one-day-a-week labs; especially Mondays. They don't start until the other days have done one or two labs. Maybe if this happens, during those years we'll have to wait until the second week to start the lab and then only the Monday students are messed up instead of Mondays and Tuesdays.
1 This is the best option for laboratory courses - while still allowing us to start before Labor Day when possible and finish the year earlier.
1 this is the least disruptive, and will give us space between finals and Christmas.
1 Two "Mondays" in thanksgiving week is silly, but this is the least-worst.
- 2 C would be my favorite change if one is made if this works for the lab sciences.
2 Effectively eliminates a full week of PHY103 labs, which affects about 300 students.
2 I like starting earlier if possible but this option doesn't screw up lab schedules so much.
2 I think the average end date is Dec. 11. I think this is a pretty good option.
2 I've often said that fall semester is like running a marathon at a sprint. I've also felt like an extra week of winter break would be invaluable (it is when I do most of my curriculum development). I like this option because it provides a longer winter break; and face it, we have been doing the fall sprint so long, we're all in great shape.
2 Liked that there were always 12 full weeks, without variation. Seemed like it would be more possible to adjust our syllabus to make things work. As a recent grad of UW-L, I do understand the drain students have without a break until Thanksgiving, but I have to also think about how our curriculum would suffer. I could see having to cut out some of the more time-sensitive activities.
2 Not much different from what we do now.
2 The major advantage of this option is the early end date in December. I think this is the most "family-friendly" option. Also no finals on Sunday.
2 This will also work for many of us who have classes with only one lab per week and already can not hold labs thanksgiving week.

Option C Option C- FEEDBACK

2	Tough choice between this one and option D but if one of the purposes of this whole thing is to give students a break and allow time for instructors to catch up then option C does not accomplish the objective because there is no break just an earlier end date.
3	A pretty good schedule in most respects. It addresses the concern about classes running into very late December without causing problems in laboratory scheduling. It doesn't give a break earlier in the fall, but that is OK.
3	Efficient but I'd rather start after Labor Day. If we must start before LD, I'll take the 2 day FB in Opt A.
3	The days before Thanksgiving (esp. Wednesday) are a waste as far as class time is concerned. Too many people missing.
4	OK, but will change sequencing of classes/labs every semester with changing start dates.
4	Putting a break at Thanksgiving will be too late to be useful.
4	Too little, too late.
5	early end date would be nice, but probably not worth no breaks
NO RATING	Aren't we trying to change this to create A Longer BReak . . . Better than no change Good idea - use logic! When we would have a late finish, do something about it. Like the best. NEED THE BREAK Second favorite option. We need a break earlier in the semester. While I am still concerned about this option in terms of length of the semester, at least we would be able end early. We really need a minimum of 12 full weeks in the semester for labs, which is what we currently have.

Option D Option D- FEEDBACK

1	Also a good option. I was here for one year when we had a full week off and it was very
1	best option in my opinion
1	I can wait until Thanksgiving for my fall break. I would prefer a week to a couple days at two
1	I like this best because it allows students to take a full week at Thanksgiving with their families,
1	without academic consequences. It also fixes the main current problem with fall semester for the
1	lab sciences. Why this isn't the committee's top choice is beyond me.
1	This happened to be the option the first couple years I was here. It provided some travel time.
1	The days before Thanksgiving (esp. Wednesday) are a waste as far as class time is concerned. Too
1	This is the best schedule. The break comes later in the semester, but it is still valuable. It gives
1	students some time to recover their wits prior to the end of the semester rush, and it is family
1	in December.
2	I agree an earlier break is ideal, but if we're giving breaks let's take a full week and make it count!
2	Like the idea of being able to start before Labor Day!
2	May be the best compromise for a fall break.
2	This is truly a break. The only downside is it coming so late in semester. But it still beats most of
2	the other options for catch-up value.
2	WE NEED A BREAK MID-SEMESTER!
3	a full week off is too late in the semester--students may "check out" mentally for the next two
3	Although I like the longer Thanksgiving Break, having final exams on the 23rd of December in
3	some years is undesirable.
3	Putting a break at Thanksgiving will be too late to be useful.
3	This option would be acceptable only for those years that still contain 13 full weeks of class.
4	A longer break during Thanksgiving doesn't help much as there are already only two weeks
4	remaining in the semester.
4	Also not a good option for science classes with labs (most of our classes). We already lose
4	Thanksgiving week due to this and will lose the other week with two Mondays. This will require
4	reduction in our curriculum with no labs that week either or complete renovation of our
4	lab/lecture complements and should thus be unacceptable. We already have an extra week for
4	labs in the spring, so students taking classes in the fall versus spring would be shorted an
4	Full week for thanksgiving = bad idea
4	I again like the idea of more full weeks.
4	I believe that additional break days over Thanksgiving is not preferable. The longer the break the
4	more 'review' that needs to take place on returning to class.
4	I loved having the full week off in my grad program...but we also started in mid-late August, which
4	doesn't seem to be an option here. So I would rather have a shorter TG break and get done earlier
4	late end date is a bigger problem
4	This option is not problematic for the laboratory component of Biology 103/105. However,
4	several of the other Biology laboratory components will have to also cut curriculum with the
4	Option D calendar as we use shared space; if the lab is not available at specific times/days of the
4	Too late in the semester to help.
5	A full week off during Thanksgiving is excessive. As it is, Thanksgiving occurs too later in the
5	semester. It is already difficult to get students to come back "mentally" for the last few weeks
5	after Thanksgiving. After a full week off, it would be almost impossible. / That said, I am sensitive
5	to the special problems of the lab courses. While this schedule might be nice for them, failing to
5	have the week off would create no different a burden then has already existed for years.

Option D Option D- FEEDBACK

5 Although I would appreciate a 'breather' mid-semester, I cannot support any calendar change that affects lab classes in such a negative way.

5 Better than "B" for acknowledging the realities of Thanksgiving week, but this doesn't solve the problem the Calendar committee was intended to address: the semester running too long!

5 Does not work with labs

5 Effectively eliminates a full week of PHY103 labs, which affects about 300 students. / Also eliminates both the Tuesday and Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week. We traditionally have makeup/review sessions for PHY103 and PHY203 on the Tuesday and Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week. The students are free to come and go at anytime during these two days and most PHY103 I do not think this would work well for students. Breaks tend to put students behind in class for a while. A week off at this time would come too late in the semester.

5 I really don't like the students being gone for a full week at Thanksgiving. They forget too much just when they should be working their hardest in preparation for final projects and exams.

5 Better to finish a little earlier in December. This option is actually the least disruptive for the freshman chemistry labs except for 2021. All the other years start on a Tuesday and we have learned to accommodate that: the Monday students both check in and do experiment on the first day they meet. That is some hardship for them but then they are in sync for the rest of the semester. The freshman labs generally don't meet Thanksgiving week so missing Thursday and Friday has no effect. Labs that meet twice a week have smaller total enrollment and crazy prep

5 I see a week off with only 2 weeks of classes to go as potentially problematic with regard to maintaining student interest and effort.

5 I think this would be a bad idea. This would be too large a break for late in the semester and I think students grades would suffer.

5 I'm worried about the labs.

5 It is my understanding that option D does not provide enough full weeks to allow for the

5 NO - Would not work for lab sciences

5 No extra days off at Thanksgiving are worth having exams on December 22nd. It leaves faculty no time to grade before the holiday and having to calculate grades between Christmas and New

5 Seems to be no point in having a full week off so close to winter break. Very disruptive to

5 Thanksgiving week is too late in the semester to be helpful for catch-up.

5 The week long break occurs way too late in the semester.

5 This extended break does no one any good; a break is needed in the middle of the semester.

5 This is just a bad idea--students have a hard enough time regrouping after Thanksgiving, especially in years when there are very few class periods after the break.

5 We don't need a week off at Thanksgiving when we will have a break during winter break to catch should be called option "deer hunter" because that's its only advantage. This will cut a full week out of many lab courses. Which for many lab courses like Cell Biology does not mean simply cutting one week out. The lab experiments run over multiple weeks so that students can better experience the way real science is done - not in isolated 3 hour time blocks for an experiment. So in the 12 week years, a whole 2 week lab module would be cut out. In it's place would be a one-week stand alone lab, which is not the way science is done. One option would be that students could give their lab presentations during finals week, but it would mean making sure that no W, F classes or Th only lecture classes exist to conflict with the the M T Cell Biology labs, which run 7:45-5:20 on both M & T. In addition, it would mean that it would be impossible to offer more sections of Cell Biology which student demand indicates will be needed soon.

Option D Option D- FEEDBACK

NO RANKING

NEED THE BREAK

Too much . . . soon it will turn into people leaving on thursday or friday of the previous week . . .

We need a break earlier in the semester.

Not necessary - creates a late finish to the semester. I was under the impression that we were trying to avoid this late finish.

chem 103

COMMENTS - not specific to any of the OPTIONS

A short break in October is an excellent idea! I'd take one day off in October before I'd take tacking on another day to TG weekend, but the one-day off Fall Break wasn't offered.

All the proposals that increase the number of partial weeks fall semester are very problematic for one of the large-enrollment classes I am involved with (Plant Biology, 120 students/semester). We typically have 5 lab sections over three days, in a lab space we share with a minimum of one other class, and with two other classes some semesters. In the past we have always run one fewer labs fall semester, because of the partial week at Thanksgiving. Any calendar that adds a fall break will effectively make Fall semester TWO weeks shorter than spring semester, and there is no question that such a schedule will decrease student learning in our class.

any of these new options are better than what we have been dealing with for a long time

Calling Study Day on a Saturday seems ridiculous. Thank you for your work on this. A break is much needed!

Do not wait until after Labor Day to start! Why not start on the 1st on some of the options? / / Not sure how the Sunday finals will go over.

I am very satisfied with the present calendar. I am also troubled that this survey appears set up to give more weight to 'chairs' opinions.

I applaud the calendar committee for their work on this subject. I am certainly one for change but only if it benefits the whole of the university. The proposed calendar change, particularly option A, will significantly impact the curriculum within the Biology Department. Because we share laboratory space, certain labs are run at specific times on specific days of the week. Therefore, simply removing one or two days of the week can affect multiple laboratory components. While this is inconvenient for the instructors of the course, it is more detrimental to the students who take the various courses. we pride ourselves on providing students exceptional education--removing one laboratory exercise from one course seems trivial, but, as many of these students will take at least five courses within the department we really our cutting their curriculum by five laboratories. This is a significant loss of information!

I believe it is important to have a fall break and I like the Monday/Tuesday idea. There is also a need for a study day.

I feel to approve Option A would be insulting to our colleagues with lab courses (both in the Sciences and Modern Languages has a similar problem). It would essentially be saying to them that they should just cut out some material from their course in order for us to have a break.

I have heard concerns from the sciences about needing to cancel labs; the new calendar should not compromise our academic integrity.

I like the current plan the best since my kids start school when meetings week starts. It lets me maximized the time I have off when my kids are off.

I like the idea of a fall break, but given that State Law mandates a start no earlier than 9/1, implementing such a break inevitably has undesirable consequences.

I like the idea of starting earlier to finish earlier. However, trying to stick in a break both counteracts the benefits of starting early and disrupts the ability to teach lab courses.

I prefer adopting a calendar which provides a small break at roughly the mid-semester point (seventh/eighth week).

I recommend Betsy pour herself a nice glass of wine some evening and consider whether further fragmenting fall semester is in the best interests of our students.

I think something close to the status quo is probably the most desirable. I wouldn't find starting before Labor Day particular oppressive, but to do it just to string out the semester through a series of partial weeks doesn't make sense to me.

I welcome the "breather" during week seven; great idea for both us and students.

I would rather have no change at all instead of the change favored by the committee.

I'd love to have a break, but until we can find a solution that accomodates lab sciences / this may simply not be possible. I don't understand how calendar A can be recommended / by the committee when it was rejected by some on the committee

COMMENTS - not specific to any of the OPTIONS

If the motivation for modifying the calendar is to start before Labor Day, then we should really only consider options that shift the start date to before Labor Day and leave as much of the current structure in place. I believe that it would be inappropriate to use this approach as a means to add an unnecessary break at the expense of very necessary labs.

I'm not convinced significant changes are necessary.

I'm not sure what the point of the vote is really. If we vote, then won't the sheer lack of lab science/theater people who dislike option A automatically prevent that voice from being realistically heard? In the end, I'll do whatever because I'll have to, as with everything.

Is there still talk of a common hour? I think that would really be helpful for committee meetings.

It sounds like the committee wants change just for the sake of change, and has fallen in love with the dopey idea of a two day break around mid semester. We are stuck with Thanksgiving where it is, and we must declare a holiday to accommodate it. Does the committee seriously think that the typical UWL student will plunge into his studies with great energy and get all caught up during a four day weekend break?

It's about time--thanks so much for your efforts in this area.

Like the two fall break idea

My "psychology" is quite satisfied without a Fall break -- surely we have survived all these years getting our work done without one, why disrupt a straightforward schedule by forcing another couple days off?

NEED THE BREAK. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

OVERALL FEEDBACK

Perhaps UW System could petition against the Sept. 1 start date.

Please start before labor day when possible!

Really not convinced there is a need for all of this.

Sunday finals - No way! / If UWL changes graduation venue to the La Crosse Center, I believe we will then have commencement on Sunday due to scheduling conflicts with Viterbo and/or TC. / Any calendar must not force curriculum deletions in order to allow for a break.

THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING CHANGES THAT WILL ENHANCE SANITY FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY - especially for new faculty, and those preparing new courses (which at least half the time happens in fall). Spring break is a godsend when a new course falls in spring; the grind of fall semester is even more punishing when preparing new material.

Thank you for your work on this!

Thanks for the work you put into this.

Thanks for trying!

Thanks to the committee for giving us the options and rationale behind them.

The existing calendar is the only one that allows PHY103 to be an 11-lab course

There are certain problematic years in this cycle, no matter which calendar we choose, especially 2016. If we stick with the same calendar, we sometimes get done with the semester late and the students, and we, burn out. But, there is something to be said about remaining consistent, and not having to devise a committee within the department just to adjust yearly syllabi that cooperate with the next year's calendar and with the growth of our microbes.

These proposals (particularly Option A) do not disadvantage once a week classes (we teach many of our classes in once/week blocks). I hope we go to a later start time (on the hour?) The transition to a new calendar could be a challenge but we will cope and get over it.

We need to have earlier start dates, in my opinion, because grading every year over Christmas just because of a late Labor Day is ridiculous. We can all be ready to teach before Sept. 7, 8, etc.

What really needs to be "fixed" is the very late end date with no study day that we just experienced. That is easily done when necessary by starting before labor day. Additional changes proposed do not "fix" a problem.

COMMENTS - not specific to any of the OPTIONS

While I appreciate the hard work the committee is doing frankly the models for the semester calendar and especially the weekly calendar (with a disruptive 1.5 hour meeting slot!?) leave a lot to be desired. It seems that a few vocal individuals with personal agendas are trying to disrupt a system that is fairly straightforward and effective. Any changes that are made should be well thought out and minor as they will affect the entire campus.

Who knew this would be so complicated? My preference would be to lose the whole week of spring break. Give students two days just as in the fall. Even the public schools don't give students a week off every year. It's an advantage for getting a summer job if you can start earlier.

Will these be counted as furlough days?