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SA2021-015: Resolution to Recommend Alternative Solutions to Canceling Spring Break 2021

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WHEREAS on September 24th, 2020, Faculty Senate voted to change the Spring Semester academic calendar to begin instruction on February 1st and to convert the planned spring break to an instructional week; and

WHEREAS the mental health of UWL students, faculty, and staff is of paramount importance, particularly against the backdrop of the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS the physical health of the aforementioned groups is similarly essential during the ongoing public health emergency; and

WHEREAS a spring break period has traditionally provided the UWL community with a chance to destress and take a much-needed break from academic rigor; and

WHEREAS Faculty Senate did have a discussion about changing Friday, April 2nd, to noninstructional day, but they did not approve this addition;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Student Senate recommend to the Faculty Senate and the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse Administration to consider solutions outside of a complete cancellation of spring break for the 2021 Spring Semester in the form of a three-day weekend on the dates of April 2nd until April 5th.

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