

From Amelia Ketzle via email:

We discussed in detail the academic calendars for the 20-21 and 21-22 academic years. Alternate calendar proposals were put forward by Dr. Randy Hughes and discussed. Dr. Hughes proposed the possibilities of eliminating the Spring Break cancellation for 2021, adding in an additional week between summer and fall 2021 by one week, or increasing the break between fall 2021-Spring 2022 by one week. The decision to cancel spring break for the spring semester has already been made by the administration, so that can't be changed. Administration is concerned about the possibility (likelihood) of students leaving to party and then coming back to campus potentially infected with COVID.

A further proposal was suggested for the 2022-2023 academic year. The current calendar proposed begins Fall 2022 semester on Aug. 15, which is not possible given that faculty contracts do not begin until Aug. 16. Faculty need some time in advance of the beginning of the semester to meet with GA's/TA's, etc. Options are tight for possible adjustments. Moving the fall semester later results in difficulty in grading and posting grades before winter holiday begins. Extensive discussion about how to adjust the calendar to start later.