

Senate Council
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Senate Council Ad Hoc Committee on a Proposed Reading Period

Background: at the Senate Council meeting on August 25, the Senate Council reviewed a proposal from Bob Grossman regarding a change to the university's calendar to accommodate a reading period prior to finals week. Senate Council members agreed that Grossman's proposal had merit and should be referred to a committee.

There are two different recommended motions below. Recommendation A begins with a small group to determine if a reading period is feasible and if so, invites other suggested members to begin meeting. Recommendation B involves the entire group of individuals throughout the duration of the ad hoc committee.

Recommendation A:

That the Senate Council charge three individuals with determining if a change to the university calendar to allow a reading period prior to finals can be accommodated. If so, those individuals will alert the Senate Council and request the addition of other members named below to create a proposal to enact a reading period prior to finals week for both semesters and both summer sessions: five to seven faculty members; one undergraduate student; one graduate student; representatives from Student Affairs; a representative from the Office of the Registrar; a representative from Auxiliary Services; and a representative from Campus Housing, with the understanding that the Committee may need to call on various other individuals for additional information (e.g. Parking and Transportation Services, Police Department, Athletics).

OR

Recommendation B:

That the Senate Council: 1. charge the ad hoc Committee on a Proposed Reading Period to look at the existing university calendar, determine if a change to allow a reading period is implementable, and if so, create a proposal to enact a reading period prior to finals week for both semesters and both summer sessions; and 2. compose the committee as follows: five to seven faculty members; one undergraduate student; one graduate student; representatives from Student Affairs; a representative from the Office of the Registrar; a representative from Auxiliary Services; and a representative from Campus Housing, with the understanding that the Committee may need to call on various other individuals for additional information (e.g. Parking and Transportation Services, Police Department, Athletics).