

Academic Status of Saturday After Thanksgiving

Background:

For many years, the Registrar has been annually listing, and the Senate has been annually approving, the ad hoc addition of the Saturday after Thanksgiving as an academic holiday. However, the University Senate has not codified into the Senate Rules that this Saturday be a standing academic holiday, which it has functionally become.

Issue:

The SREC on 11/20/20 agreed that if this day is to be functionally a standing academic holiday, it should be debated as such and approved as such by the University Senate for inclusion in Section 2 of the Senate Rules.

Recommendation:

The SREC asks the Senate Council to determine the educational policy status of the Saturday after Thanksgiving, and if the Senate Council favors that this Saturday be expressly codified as a standing academic holiday, that the Senate Council direct the SREC to prepare a corresponding proposal for submission to the University Senate.