Academic Calendar Workgroup

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Feedback Over The Years...

• Career fair classes & exams
• No break between K-Day & Thanksgiving
• Reading days before exams
• Orientation week too long
Statistics on Career Fair

Companies at Career Fair

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Statistics on Career Fair

• Interviewing statistics*:
  – 374 companies on campus
  – 6,242 interview slots
  – 9 interviews per student

*From 2012-2013 Career Services Annual Report
Statistics on Career Fair

• In Fall 2014
  – 1776 students were enrolled in labs between noon and 7:30 PM on Tuesdays

• In Spring 2015
  – 1763 students were enrolled in labs between noon and 7:30 PM on Tuesdays
Quotes

• “This semester he emailed two professors that he would miss class for the Career Fair. One said no, there would be a test and he couldn't make it up. So, he missed 2 1/2 hours of the career fair. ” – A Parent of a Michigan Tech Senior

• “Michigan Tech prides itself on their high placement rate, yet I am a senior graduating in December and I don't even have a summer internship lined up because I was unable to make it to career fair due to my Tuesday labs. ” – A Michigan Tech Undergraduate Student
• "As graduate students are often busy teaching labs on Tuesday afternoons many find it difficult to attend the Career Fair. Having that afternoon off would allow graduate students the opportunity to network with companies and search for jobs. Personally, this would have benefited me this year as I taught during the career fair time slot." – A Michigan Tech Graduate Student
Fall Break Statistics

- Between September 5th & November 21st – 78 days/56 school days with no break
Some Schools That Provide Reading Days

- University of Michigan
- Wayne State University
- University of Chicago
- Duke University
- Colorado School of Mines
- Virginia Tech
Orientation Week Statistics

• After the 2014 orientation week:
  – 34.38% of students said it was too long
  – 62.66% of students said it was just right
  – 2.47% of students said it was too short
The Fall Proposal

- Added two days to the beginning of the semester
- Moved K-Day to Saturday
- Added a ½ day off at Career Fair
- Added a Friday off for Fall Break
- Added a Reading Day before exams
The Spring Proposal

- Added two days to the beginning of the semester
- Added a ½ day off at Career Fair
- Added a Reading Day before exams
- Adds additional half day of instruction, bringing spring semester from 67 days to 67.5
Student Organizations Consulted

- Undergraduate Student Government
- Graduate Student Government
- Memorial Union Board
- Interfraternity Council
- Panhellenic Council
- Inter-Residence Housing Council
Senate AIPC Feedback

• Instructors spend Orientation Week preparing their courses & dealing with placement exams
• Keeping the number of “disrupted” weeks to a minimum is important
• Concerned about Friday Reading Day
Senate AIPC Suggestions

- Remove Fall Break
- Create a policy preventing exams during Career Fair
- Move reading day to Monday of finals week
Student & Work Group Feedback

• No matter if classes are cancelled during career fair or not, there will be “disruption”
• Condensing exams for a reading day could hurt students due to exam compression
• Potential to move K-Day to Saturday in exchange for Career Fair off at noon in Fall?
What’s Next

• Looking for guidance from the entire senate on where to go next before drafting a new proposal