

The Senate of Michigan Technological University

PROPOSAL 10-90

The academic calendar should be changed for the 1991/92 year so that classes begin on a Wednesday after Christmas break (if it is impossible by 1991/92, do so in 1992/93). This should be accomplished by adding these three (Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday) days to the present winter calendar, which would result in adding a calendar week to the present academic quarter and postponing scheduled winter quarter final week, spring break, and spring quarter by one week.

Enrollment data

Students enrolled in the laboratories during 1990/91

	Fall	Winter	Spring
Monday am	267	387	263
pm	870	871	884
Tuesday am	1154	1057	1099
pm	1486	1493	1549
Wednesday am	424	458	202
pm	977	936	578
Thursday am	1041	1151	867
pm	1173	1059	981
Friday am	308	225	185
pm	459	275	227

There are two major reasons for making this change. These cause particular problems for those courses that are repeated in the winter quarter (i.e., covering the same amount of material).

1) The two days officially excused for Winter Carnival causes about 2700 students to miss their Thursday and Friday laboratories. This much time cannot be made up in most laboratory courses.

2) The Friday before Christmas break and the Wednesday before Winter Carnival are often not effective class periods.

Tabled by the Senate: 4/17/91