

DATE: April 16, 2015

TO: Maximilian Seel  
Provost & VP for Academic Affairs

FROM: Craig Waddell  
Senate President

SUBJECT: Senate Proposal 33-15

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At its meeting on April 15, 2015, the University Senate approved Proposal 33-15, "Academic Calendar 2016-17 and Provisional Calendar 2017-18". The Senate looks forward to approval of this proposal by the administration. Please keep me informed about the decision of the administration on this proposal and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

33-15: Accepted with the attached amendment.

**APPROVED:**

  
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Max J. Seel, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs

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Glenn D. Mroz, President

4/23/15  
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33-15: accepted with the following amendment:

Move K-Day to a Saturday and in turn provide students an afternoon off for the career fair.

Rationale:

USG has been working with the Senate, Graduate Student Government, the Dean of Students, the Registrar, and Career Services to come up with a way to help make career fair more accessible to students.

Proposal 33-15 does not contain an amendment that would provide for the afternoon off during fall career fair. The Undergraduate Student Government supports moving K-Day to a Saturday and in turn allows this day to provide students an afternoon off for the career fair. In addition, USG conducted a student survey (1500 students responded) that suggests students as a whole would also support such a change.

Such a plan would have minimal disruption to lab sections or lectures as the Senate had been concerned about during previous conversations. Although this is the best idea we have for the fall career fair, we would gladly welcome the opportunity to work further with the Senate on this issue in the fall and would appreciate the opportunity to do so on the Academic Calendar for 2016-2017.

In addition, we would like to ask the Senate to consider a policy change for the spring career fair that would prevent exams from happening at the same time as the career fair (similar to winter carnival policy):

3.2.7.3 Scheduling of Examinations During ~~Winter Carnival Week~~ Career Fair )

Together these two changes could make career fair much more accessible to students and would minimize impacts on faculty. We would appreciate your support and ask the Senate to consider these ideas and have further conversation about this issue.