

RESOLUTION ON THE HSU ACADEMIC CALENDAR
(#38-92/93-FA)

- WHEREAS, There exist only seven permutations for the Fall Semester Calendar and fourteen permutations for the Spring Semester Calendar (effect of Leap Year); and
- WHEREAS, There exists, at present, a constraint that the first pay period of each term cannot exceed 40 calendar days; and
- WHEREAS, For accreditation purposes, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) defines a semester as 17 full weeks with at least 15 full weeks of academic class work; and
- WHEREAS, The HSU academic calendar planning cycle is done two years in advance and the local K-12 school districts academic calendar planning cycle is done one year in advance; and
- WHEREAS, Local school districts are not consistent amongst themselves with some having the week off prior to Easter and some having the week off after Easter; and
- WHEREAS, The separation of church and state dictates that no special religious observances should occur; and
- WHEREAS, Equal observances would have to be given to all beliefs and persuasions; and
- WHEREAS, The Associated Students' survey of Spring 1992 was overwhelmingly in support of a mid-semester spring break; and
- WHEREAS, The observed Martin Luther King Holiday occurs on the third Monday of January; and
- WHEREAS, A permanent perpetual academic calendar would allow for advance strategic planning and reduce the annual time-consuming debate; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that the attached academic calendars for the Fall Semester and Spring Semester be accepted and put into effect by the Office of Academic Affairs.
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommends that during the 1993-94 academic year the issues of when to begin the spring semester and when to schedule spring break be put to the general faculty vote, and an invitation be extended to the student population to conduct a similar vote.

ACADEMIC SENATE SEMESTER BREAK SURVEY RESULTS - 1993

Question #1 - Fall Calendar:

Would you prefer to have "grading days" on a Saturday & Sunday **or** would you prefer that they are on weekdays after the day of Christmas? This is only needed for those years where insufficient weekdays exist between the end of finals and Christmas Day.

Sat/Sun = 11 No opinion = 4 Either OK = 3 Weekdays = 0

Question #2 - Spring Calendar:

a. Would you prefer to have the break in the middle **or** at Easter **or** in concert with local K-12 schools **or** in concert with the CR calendar?

K-12 = 10 Middle = 6 Easter = 2

No preference = 1 CR = 0

b. Would you prefer to have additional "one-day" holidays (1-2 maximum) during the semester **or** continue with the current procedure of skipping them to get out earlier?

Earlier = 14 Holidays = 0

c. Would you prefer a mid-semester break at the 3rd full week of March and the Monday after Easter Sunday off?

No = 7 Yes = 5 K-12 = 2

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS SEMESTER BREAK SURVEY RESULTS - 1992

Mid-semester break = 655

K-12 = 219

No opinion = 90

Some other time = 56

Fall

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Days Needed

	M	Tu	W	Th	F	total
advising & meetings	1	1				2
classes	15	15	15	15	15	75
final exams	1	1	1	1	1	5
grading days	1	1				2
total	18	18	16	16	16	84

Days Available

	M	Tu	W	Th	F	total
a	17	18	17	17	16	85
b	17	18	17	17	17	86
c	16	18	17	17	17	85
d	16	17	17	17	17	84
e	17	17	16	17	17	84
f	17	18	16	16	17	84
g	17	18	17	16	16	84

Problems: Monday is always a problem because of Labor Day.
 c is short another Monday.
 d is short another Monday and one Tuesday.
 e is short one Tuesday.

Recommended Schedules (Assuming M-Tu for meetings and advising; classes start on W; 14 M, 15 Tu, W, Th, F; M off for Labor Day; W, Th, F off for Thanksgiving; M-F for final exams; finish finals on or before Dec. 23; two grading days.)

	advising & meetings	classes start	final exams	grading and grades due days
a	Aug. 23-24	Aug. 25	Dec. 13-17	M-Tu Dec. 20-21
b	Aug. 22-23	Aug. 24	Dec. 12-16	M-Tu Dec. 19-20
c	Aug. 28-29	Aug. 30	Dec. 18-22	Tu-W Dec. 26-27
d	Aug. 27-28	Aug. 29	Dec. 17-21	W-Th Dec. 26-27
e	Aug. 26-27	Aug. 28	Dec. 16-20	Sa, M Dec. 21&23
f	Aug. 25-26	Aug. 27	Dec. 15-19	M-Tu Dec. 22-23
g	Aug. 24-25	Aug. 26	Dec. 14-18	M-Tu Dec. 21-22

Spring - Normal Years

	January	February	March	April	May
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Days Needed

	M	Tu	W	Th	F	total
advising & meetings			1	1	1	3
classes	15	15	15	15	15	75
final exams	1	1	1	1	1	5
grading days	1	1	1			3
total	17	17	18	17	17	86

Recommended Schedules (Assuming W-F for meetings and advising; classes start on 4th M of Jan.; 15 M, Tu, W, Th, F; 9th M-F week off; M-F for final exams; three grading days at the end.)

	advising & meetings	classes start	Spring Break	final exams	Commencement	grading and grades due days
a	Jan. 19-21	Jan. 24	Mar 21-25	May 16-20	May 21	May 23-25
b	Jan. 18-20	Jan. 23	Mar 20-24	May 15-19	May 20	May 22-24
c	Jan. 17-19	Jan. 22	Mar 19-23	May 14-18	May 19	May 21-23
d	Jan. 23-25	Jan. 28	Mar 25-29	May 20-24	May 25	May 27-29
e	Jan. 22-24	Jan. 27	Mar 24-28	May 19-23	May 24	May 26-28
f	Jan. 21-23	Jan. 26	Mar 23-27	May 18-22	May 23	May 25-27
g	Jan. 20-22	Jan. 25	Mar 22-26	May 17-21	May 22	May 24-26

Spring - Leap Years

	January	February	March	April	May	
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Days Needed

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f	Jan. 21-23	Jan. 26	Mar 22-26	May 17-21	May 22	May 24-26
g	Jan. 20-22	Jan. 25	Mar 21-25	May 16-20	May 21	May 23-25