Motion to amend the calendar rules
November 5, 2018

In Spring 2019 this Assembly adopted guidance that full-instructional weeks be given preference in the formulation of our academic calendar. As we draft the new calendar, there are several amendments we would like to introduce to reflect discussions this body has had, as well as resolutions of the University Faculty Senate we have voted to support.

We therefore propose the following items to amend the rules by which the academic calendar is made.

1. Thanksgiving break should include the entire week.

2. December 18th is the latest date we could work with for commencement. [Grade would be submitted on 12/23, and would roll 12/24. This is due to the Academic Probation process, which need to be under way (grades rolled, AP advisors assigned, and students contacted to set up meeting with the AP advisor) before the new year.]

3. Fall open houses shall be renamed as the Fall Open House I and Fall Open House II on the academic calendar.

4. A Fall Break Day should be included mid-semester on a Friday if the total number of minutes allow.
and seek a different approach. Policy learnings can inform the development of future educational programs.

The Institute for Educational Leadership is collaborating on this initiative with a group of Washington, D.C., policymakers and educators to evaluate the effectiveness of these approaches.

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**Additional Resources**

- [The Importance of Early Childhood Education](https://iel.org/early-childhood-education)
- [Teacher Preparation Programs](https://iel.org/teacher-preparation)
- [School Funding and Resources](https://iel.org/school-funding)

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