

**Proposed Fall Study Days for Students
(Developed by the Faculty Senate
Planning and Operations Committee)**

Whereas the Student Government Association (SGA) has proposed a two-day fall study days during early to mid-October, and

Whereas 71% of students voted in favor of a fall break during the 2001 homecoming elections, and

Whereas a 1997 study of admissions to the student health center showed peak admissions during the month of October, suggesting that students are becoming run down and losing their defenses around early to mid-October, and

Whereas six of the 12 SEC schools currently schedule a fall break (Vanderbilt, LSU, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, and South Carolina), and

Whereas the University of Arkansas is investigating whether to implement a fall break, and

Whereas two of the SEC schools without a fall break have four days off at Thanksgiving (Auburn and Mississippi), and

Whereas students could profitably use the time-off during Fall Study Days to catch up on assignments and/or rest before for the second half of the semester commences, and

Whereas starting classes two days earlier in August (on Monday rather than Wednesday) could salvage the first week of classes, which now have spotty attendance because some students are of the opinion that not much happens during a class that meets only once during the first week (many students often view the first week of classes as syllabus week), and

Whereas starting classes two days earlier in August (on Monday rather than Wednesday) would ensure that two study days on a Monday and Tuesday in October would not cause classes that meet one day a week to lose a week of classes, and

Whereas faculty and staff would not have the study days off and, as such, Fall Study Days would not lead to an increased number of paid holidays, and

Whereas faculty and staff could use the study days to catch up on grading exams and papers, committee meetings, research, and various administrative tasks.

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate proposes a Monday-Tuesday Fall Study Days during early to mid-October, beginning with the Fall 2003 semester.

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