

Calendar Change Survey of all Faculty

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Summary:

The survey was developed to assess faculty opinion on proposals to extend the Thanksgiving Holiday by one day. The survey consisted of four choices, including one for no change in the calendar. The survey was delivered via Qualtrics and was conducted from May 19 to July 11th, with reminders sent on May 25, May 31, and June 8.

There were 849 responses out of 1783 faculty polled, for a response rate of 48.7%.

The survey and files for each link in the survey are included in this report.

The most popular option was “Semester begins on Monday” with 38.63%, followed by “Eliminate Study Day” with 36.16%. “Keep the current calendar” was next with 18.37% and “Eliminate Fall Break” was the least popular option with 6.83%.

Demographic information was also collected, including College/ Division name, tenure status, and Caucus affiliation. Caucus affiliation is a more clear-cut indicator of indicator of respondents’ home college as some faculty identified with department rather than college.



Provost Zornchick and the Calendar Committee are seeking input from faculty about proposed changes in future Academic Calendars. For comparison purposes with other universities, please see the [List of SEC, Top 25, and TN Schools](#) file. For each school, the number of Thanksgiving break days, number of Fall Break days, number of Study Days, and the start and end of the Fall 2016 term are given.

The proposal involves extending the Thanksgiving holiday to include the Wednesday immediately before Thanksgiving Thursday. To extend the holiday, instruction time must be added to the calendar. For each choice, note that there are two versions of the calendar depending on whether Thanksgiving occurs during the fourth (early) or fifth (late) week of November. Please view the calendar examples to make your choice.

The proposal choices are the following.

1. Eliminate Study Day: [Eliminate Study Day Proposed Calendar](#)
2. Eliminate Fall Break: [Eliminate Fall Break Proposed Calendar](#)
3. Semester begins Monday: [Semester Begins Monday Proposed Calendar](#)
4. Keep the current calendar

Please choose one (1):

- ☐ Eliminate Study Day
- ☐ Eliminate Fall Break
- ☐ Semester begins Monday
- ☐ Keep the current calendar. Do not extend Thanksgiving holiday.

When you have made your selection, use the SUBMIT button below to submit your ballot. Once you click the SUBMIT button, your ballot is final and you will not be able to return to this screen.

If you close this window without clicking SUBMIT, you will be able to return to this ballot using the same link that was sent to your email address until voting closes.

School	State	Thanksgiving Week Break Days	Fall Break Days	Study Day	Start and End of Term (Fall 2016)
Auburn University	AL	MTW - No class days RF - Holidays	1	0	Classes begin August 16 and end December 2
Clemson University *	SC	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	0	Classes begin August 17 and end December 2
Georgia Tech *	GA	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	1	Classes begin August 22 and end December 6
Louisiana State University	LA	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	0	Classes begin August 22 and end December 2
Mississippi State University	MS	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	2	Classes begin August 16 and end November 30
Penn State University *	PA	MTW - No class days RF - Holidays	0	0	Classes begin August 22 and end December 9
Purdue University *	IN	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	0	Classes begin August 22 and end December 9
Texas A&M	TX	W - No class day RF - Holidays	0	1	Classes begin August 29 and end December 7
The Ohio State University *	OH	W - No class day RF - Holidays	3	1	Classes begin August 23 and end December 7
University of Alabama	AL	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	0	Classes begin August 17 and end December 2
University of Arkansas	AR	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	1	classes begin August 22nd and end December 8
University of California, Berkeley *	CA	W - No class day RF - Holidays	1	0	Classes begin August 17 and end December 16
University of Florida *	FL	W - No class day RF - Holidays	1	2	classes begin August 22nd and end December 7
University of Georgia *	GA	MTW - No class days RF - Holidays	1	1	Classes Begin August 11th and end December 5
University of Kentucky	KY	W - No class day RF - Holidays	1	0	Classes begin August 24 and end December 9
University of Maryland *	MD	W - No class day RF - Holidays	0	1	Classes begin August 29 and end December 12
University of Michigan *	MI	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	1	Classes begin September 6 and end December 13
University of Mississippi	MS	MTW - No class days RF - Holidays	0	0	Classes begin August 22 and end December 2
University of Missouri	MO	W - No class day RF - Holidays	0	1	Classes begin August 22 and end December 8
University of North Carolina *	NC	W - No class day RF - Holidays	1	1	Classes begin August 23 and end December 7
University of South Carolina	SC	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	0	Classes begin August 18 and end December 2.
University of Texas *	TX	W - No class day RF - Holidays	0	2	Classes begin August 24 and end December 5
University of Virginia *	VA	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	1	Classes begin August 23 and end December 6
Vanderbilt University	TN	MTW - No class days RF - Holidays	2	0	Classes begin August 24 and end December 8
Virginia Tech	VA	MTW - No class days RF - Holidays	1	1	Classes begin August 22 and end December 7
* Top 25 Institution					
Austin Peay State University	TN	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	1	Classes begin August 22 and end November 30
East Tennessee State University	TN	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	1	Classes begin August 22 and end December 1
Middle Tennessee State University	TN	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	1	Classes begin August 22 and end November 30
Tennessee State University	TN	MTW - No class days RF - Holidays	0	0	Classes begin August 22 and end December 1
Tennessee Tech	TN	W - No class day RF - Holidays	1	0	Classes begin August 22 and end December 2
University of Memphis	TN	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	1	Classes begin August 22 and end November 30
Pellissippi State Community College	TN	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	0	Classes begin August 22 and end December 3
Roane State Community College	TN	W - No class day RF - Holidays	2	0	Classes begin August 22 and end December 5

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class day

holiday/break

study day

exam day

Study Day becomes a class day

Wednesday is a no-class day

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**Semester Begins Monday
"Early" Thanksgiving**

Classes begin on
Monday

	class day
	holiday/break
	study day
	exam day

Classes end Monday

Study Day is Tuesday

Exams run Wed - to -
Wed

Wednesday is a no-class
day

**Semester Begins Monday
"Late" Thanksgiving**

Classes begin on
Monday

	class day
	holiday/break
	study day
	exam day

Classes end Monday

Study Day is Tuesday

Exams run Wed - to -
Wed

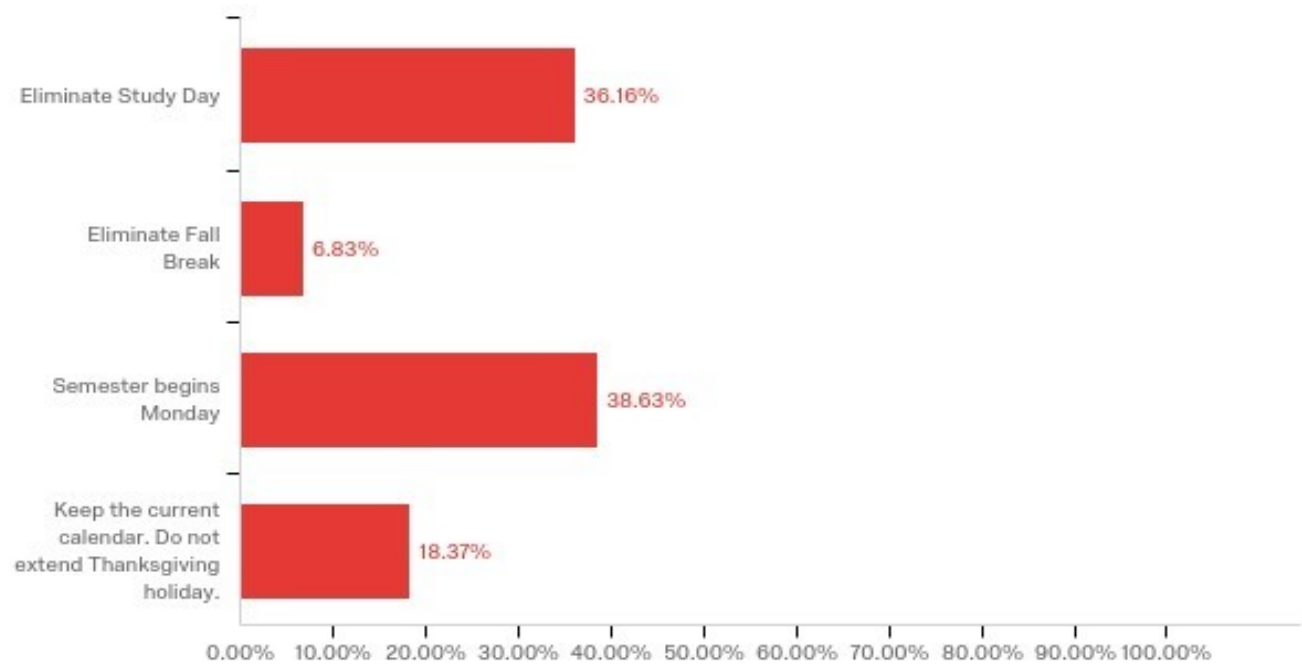
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Default Report

Calendar Change Proposal

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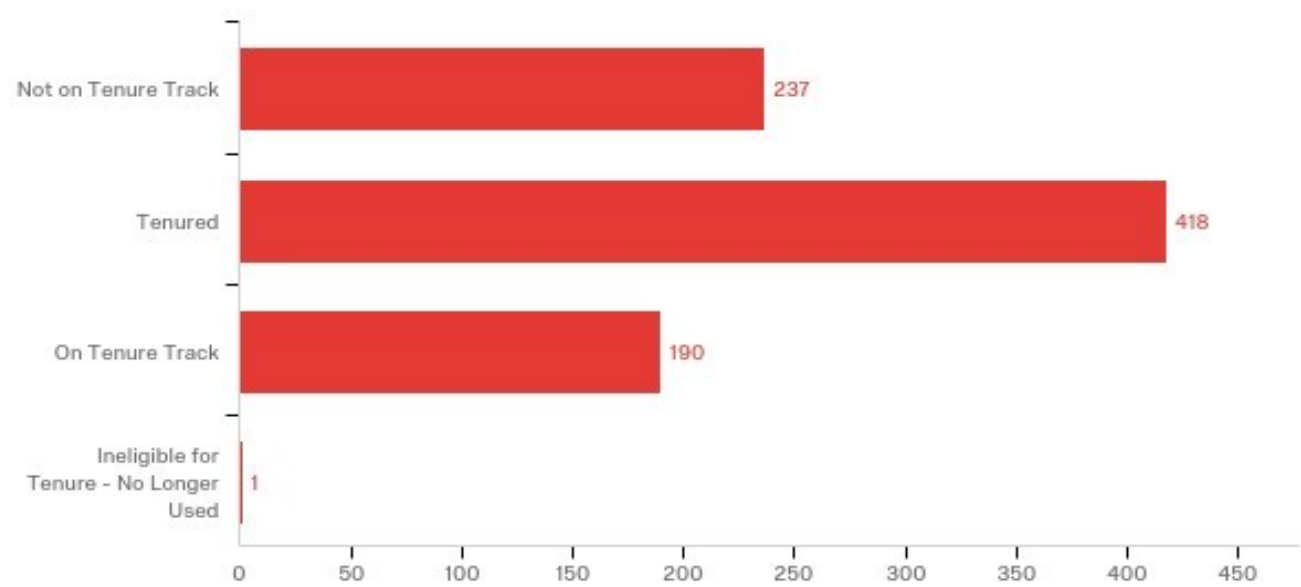
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1	Eliminate Study Day	36.16%	307
2	Eliminate Fall Break	6.83%	58
3	Semester begins Monday	38.63%	328
4	Keep the current calendar. Do not extend Thanksgiving holiday.	18.37%	156
	Total	100%	849

Coll / Div Name

Answer	%	Count
College of Arts and Sciences	42.27%	358
Coll of Educ, Hlth, & Hmn Sci	11.45%	97
Tickle College of Engineering	8.15%	69
Haslam College of Business	8.03%	68
College of Nursing	4.72%	40
Coll of Communication & Info	4.49%	38
Department of Instruction	3.07%	26
Agricl Sci & Natural Resources	2.83%	24
Libraries	2.01%	17
College of Law	2.01%	17
College of Social Work	1.89%	16
College of Architectre & Desig	1.65%	14
Entomology & Plant Pathology	1.42%	12
Animal Science	1.30%	11
Plant Sciences Ext	0.71%	6
Departments of Instruction	0.71%	6
Agr & Biosystems Engineering	0.59%	5
Plant Sciences Ag Research	0.59%	5
Agricultural Economics	0.47%	4
Four-H Youth Development	0.35%	3
Forestry	0.24%	2
Food Service and Technology	0.24%	2
International Programs	0.12%	1
Agricultural Econ & Resrce Dev	0.12%	1
Partnership Initiatives	0.12%	1
Family and Consumer Sciences	0.12%	1
Institute of Agriculture-Admin	0.12%	1
Research Centers	0.12%	1

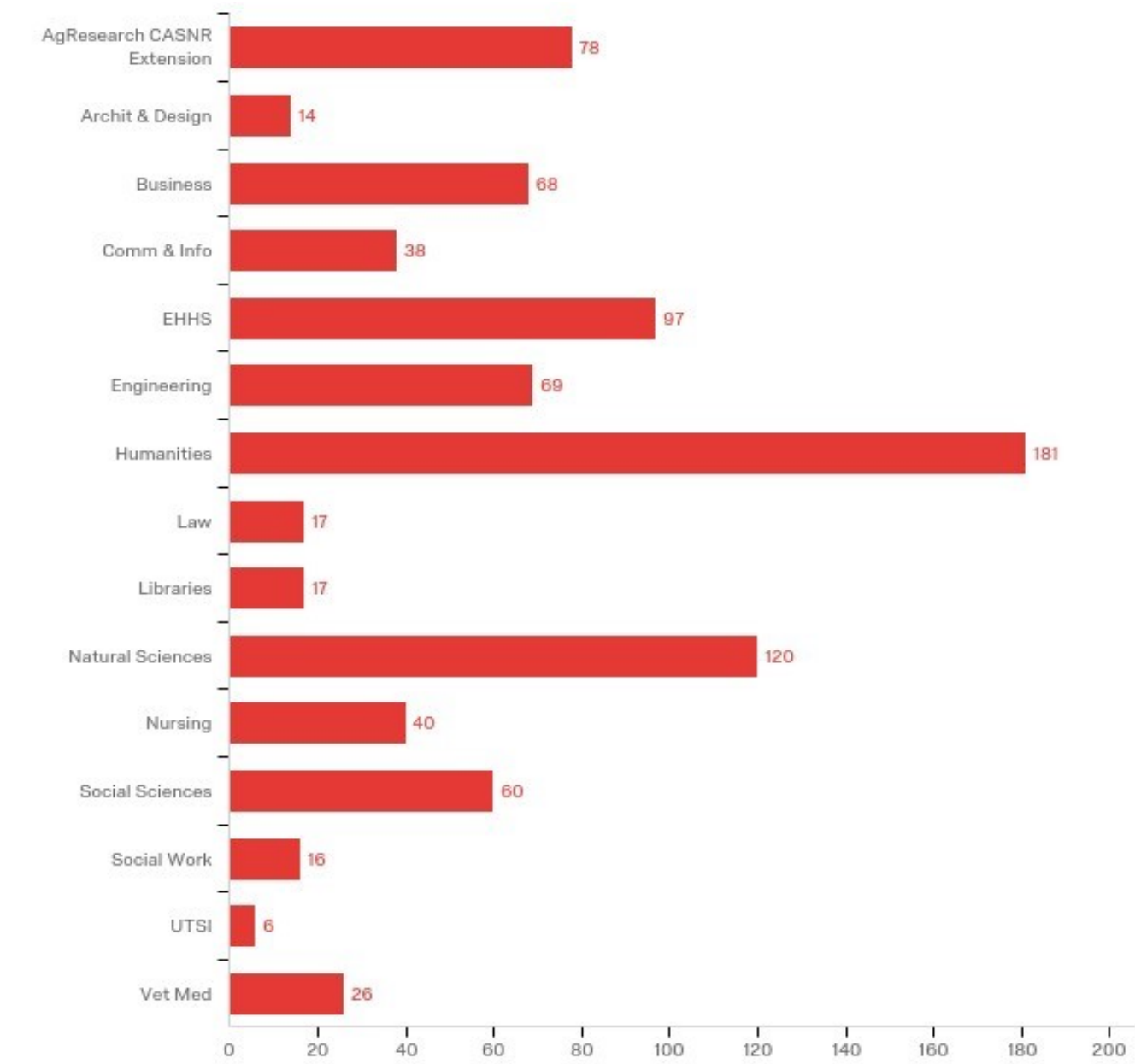
The Science Alliance	0.12%	1
Total	100%	847

Tenure Stat Txt



Answer	%	Count
Not on Tenure Track	28.01%	237
Tenured	49.41%	418
On Tenure Track	22.46%	190
Ineligible for Tenure - No Longer Used	0.12%	1
Total	100%	846

CAUCUS



Answer	%	Count
AgResearch CASNR Extension	9.21%	78
Archit & Design	1.65%	14
Business	8.03%	68
Comm & Info	4.49%	38
EHHS	11.45%	97
Engineering	8.15%	69

Humanities	21.37%	181
Law	2.01%	17
Libraries	2.01%	17
Natural Sciences	14.17%	120
Nursing	4.72%	40
Social Sciences	7.08%	60
Social Work	1.89%	16
UTSI	0.71%	6
Vet Med	3.07%	26
Total	100%	847