



UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Student Government Association

Resolution 30-01

A Resolution Encouraging the Educational Affairs Committee to Prioritize a Full Week of Thanksgiving Break Over a Later Start Date in its Academic Calendar Proposal

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WHEREAS, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia mandates a uniform academic calendar and defines such regulations as follows: “The academic calendar for each USG institution shall consist of two semesters, each with at least 15 weeks of instructional time, as defined by federal regulations issued by the United States Department of Education. The 15 weeks of instructional time shall not include registration or final examinations.”

WHEREAS, the Educational Affairs Committee of the University Council is deciding between a start date of August 12 and August 19 for the Academic Year 2019 contingent on whether the Academic Calendar includes a full week for Thanksgiving break or not; and,

WHEREAS, when surveyed, 80% of students strongly opposed the idea of a later start date in place of a full week of Thanksgiving break, the remaining 20% said that they would need more information before deciding; no students were in favor of this change in full; and,

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia altered its Academic Calendar to include a full week of Thanksgiving Break after the 2007-2008 Academic year.

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the 30th administration of the Student Government Association, on behalf of the student body, encourage the Education Affairs Committee of the University Council to prioritize a full week of Thanksgiving Break over a delay in the semester start date in its proposal to President Jere W. Morehead.

CITATIONS

<http://www.usg.edu/policymanual/section3/C339>

<http://www.reg.uga.edu/calendars/academic-calendar/previous-academic-calendars>

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