

Hello all –

At the Academic Senate meeting yesterday, Corny asked that Senators get feedback from those they represent on calendar options for academic years 13-14 and 14-15. There was also a request that these options be put in writing and sent to the Senators. Please see my notes on the discussion below and please contact the Senate office if you have any questions. *Although the topic of DSCH and WSCH were a significant portion of the discussion, I have left that out of this email. I am waiting to confirm the requirements for each and will forward that information as soon as possible.*

The following items were discussed among the Academic Senate Presidents and CCA President as options for Consideration for the Fall Term 2013 which also would be applied to Fall term 2014.

1. Having a week of instruction between Thanksgiving and finals. *{Begin term on August 24 rather than August 17}*
2. The Saturday after Thanksgiving no longer noted as an instructional day *{Move instruction for November 30 to December 14 (which would be the last day of term if instruction begins on August 24)}*
3. Porterville College and Cerro Coso College would like to close during Thanksgiving week *{these 3 instructional days would need to be moved; perhaps to the beginning of term, with instruction then beginning August 21}*
4. Also of concern for Cerro Coso College is the observance of Native American Day (October 14) and Caesar Chavez Day (March 31).

Two other options were offered during discussion:

- Move the 4 instructional days of Thanksgiving (M-W and Sat) to end of term.
- Move Saturday, November 30 to end of term; and move 3 instructional days (M-W) of Thanksgiving to beginning of term (M-W); and move 2 instructional days of finals (Th-Fr) also to beginning of term. *{This essentially creates a start date of August 19, a week off at Christmas and finals week of M-W and Sat}*

Also noted during discussion:

Nursing would be impacted if different instructional days were observed at Bakersfield College and Cerro Coso College.

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