

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the academic calendar survey. We were able to gather significant information regarding issues that have been talked about over the years and have now become more pressing with the District implementation of Winter Intersession. United Faculty negotiates the academic calendar by law, and this survey has provided us with important member feedback as we are presented with the District proposal.

We received responses from 260 faculty--57% of Unit Members representing both Fullerton College and Cypress College. Please note that NOCE operates on an 18-week calendar and was not included in this survey. Of the respondents, an overwhelming majority (65%) expressed opposition to the idea of eliminating the spring break. This sentiment was accompanied by individual preferences, ranging from most preferred scenario to least preferred scenario.

Please see the attached PowerPoint created by negotiating team member Nicole Ledesma.

The following are the survey scenarios listed according to faculty preference (1 being highest and 5 being lowest):

#1 (MOST PREFERRED)

Fall 2024 Semester: AUGUST 26 to DECEMBER 13

Winter Intersession (4-week session): JANUARY 2 to JANUARY 30

Spring Semester: FEBRUARY 3 to MAY 30

Spring Break Included (Between weeks 8 and 9)

Semester Ends After Memorial Day on May 30

#2 (SECOND PREFERRED)

Fall 2024 Semester: AUGUST 26 to DECEMBER 13

Winter Intersession (5-week session):

STARTS: DECEMBER 16 to DECEMBER 20

District Holiday Closure: Dec. 21 to Jan. 1

RESUMES: JANUARY 2 to JANUARY 30

Spring Semester: FEBRUARY 3 to MAY 30

Spring Break Included (Between weeks 8 and 9)

Semester Ends After Memorial Day on May 30

#3 (THIRD PREFERRED)

Fall 2024 Semester: AUGUST 26 to DECEMBER 13

Winter Intersession (4-week session): JANUARY 2 to JANUARY 30

Spring Semester: FEBRUARY 3 to MAY 23

Spring Break Eliminated

Semester Ends Before Memorial Day

#4 (FOURTH PREFERRED)

Fall 2024 Semester: AUGUST 26 to DECEMBER 13

Winter Intersession (5-week session): JANUARY 2 to FEBRUARY 6

Spring Semester: FEBRUARY 10 to MAY 30

Spring Break Eliminated

Semester Ends After Memorial Day on May 30

#5 (LEAST PREFERRED)

Fall 2024 Semester: AUGUST 26 to DECEMBER 13

Winter Intersession (6-week session): JANUARY 2 to FEBRUARY 13

Spring Semester: FEBRUARY 18 to JUNE 6

Spring Break Eliminated

Semester Ends in June

Thank you again, and I'll keep you updated as negotiations move forward.

Together We Rise!

In Unity,

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