



AMS Consultation: Fall Reading Break + Extended Holiday Break

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Why are we consulting students?

- Fall Reading Break (FRB) + Extend Holiday Break (EHB) are far more complicated than people make it out to be (i.e. Student Politicians, Student Media)
- We've collected data on three possible options that could allow for a four-day FRB and an EHB
- All of these options will affect the exam schedule, exam hardships and exam workload
- **End Goal: Do students want a FRB and/or EHB knowing the options and the effects of each option?**

Consultation Details

- The consultation will be **open to all students** who would be affected by the scheduling change
- The consultation will launch **tomorrow** and end on **January 31st**
- Data will be collected via **Qualtrics survey**
- The VPAUA office will also set up meetings with student and campus stakeholders to discuss the multiple options

Consultation Survey Questions

- **Demographic Info** (Faculty/School, Year Level)
- Comparison of the **three options** with the current schedule and **gauging support for FRB**
- Asking about **beginning before Labour Day** but still in September in applicable years
- Gauging support of the **three options for EHB**
- Gauging support of shortening the **3-day break** between classes and exams for an EHB
- Asking if students would **support a FRB and/or EHB knowing the possible options**

Consultation Meetings

- All affected **Constituency Councils**
- Robust discussion with **Student Senate Caucus** to gauge support in Senate
- Meeting with the **VP Academic Caucus**
- A consultation presentation and discussion with **AMS Council in 2 weeks**
- Campus Stakeholders: Orientations, student services, enrolment services, and others

End Game

- The AMS will endorse a FRB + EHB position based off of the results of the consultation
- Consultation report will be shared with Advocacy Committee, Student Senate Caucus, and Senate AP Committee
- Present the AMS position and results of the consultation to Senate AP Committee
- If students support a FRB and/or EHB, implementation for next Academic Year

How can you help?

- Share the survey on all social media accounts and get students to participate
- Engage in conversations with students about possible options to help inform the debate
- Organizations should engage in informed debate but should **NOT** try to pressure students to take any particular position (i.e. avoid endorsements)
- Organizations can share the survey on any email blasts and other social media channels

Questions?

What are the options?

Currently: 16-day exam period, no Sunday Exams

- *14 examinable days*
- **Option 1:** 14-day exam period, Sunday Exams
 - *14 consecutive examinable days*
- **Option 2:** 15-day exam period, no Sunday Exams
 - *13 examinable days*
- **Option 3:** 14-day exam period, no Sunday Exams
 - *12 examinable days*