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
  o 14 examinable days

• Option 1: 14-day exam period, Sunday Exams
  o 14 consecutive examinable days

• Option 2: 15-day exam period, no Sunday Exams
  o 13 examinable days

• Option 3: 14-day exam period, no Sunday Exams
  o 12 examinable days