

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 13–13

Scheduling of Fall Holiday

Sponsored by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas the primary calendar by which the University organizes its activities is the academic calendar;

Whereas other calendars, schedules, and lists of events play a material but subordinate role in the timing of activities, events, and recesses so as to maximize achievement and optimize both student and faculty performance;

Whereas one purpose of the recess called “Fall Holiday” is the provision of an interval during which students may both enjoy a break from the obligation to attend classes and also may, while partaking of refreshing leisure, use free time to attend to lingering schoolwork or engage in enrichment activities;

Whereas Fall Holiday was conceived to compensate for a certain awkwardness in the timing of official holidays (for example, the positioning of Labor Day shortly after the opening of the semester and the slating of the Thanksgiving recess immediately prior to the conclusion of instruction);

Whereas Fall Holiday was also conceived to provide a salutary break in the long session between Labor Day and Thanksgiving;

Whereas the University has recently twice adjusted the academic calendar for non-academic reasons such as Bayou Superfest or the LSU versus Alabama football game;

Whereas the recent rescheduling of Fall Holiday to early November places two extended holidays in the month of November, during the time when many courses are approaching their climactic, culminating points;

Therefore be it resolved that Fall Holiday shall occur and shall be completed no later than October 31st of each year.