



**RESOLUTION #13-04**  
**Future Academic Scheduling**

Date: November 11, 2013

Authored by: Senator Nicholas Buford, SGA Legislative Affairs Chairman & Student Voting Member of Academic Scheduling Committee

Sponsored by: Comptroller Erica Adams, Student Voting Member of Academic Scheduling Committee

Be it enacted by the Senate of Valdosta State University (VSU) here assembled, that:

**WHEREAS**, the VSU academic calendar is ideally structured to assure academic excellence for all affiliated (students, staff, faculty, and administration), and

**WHEREAS**, the current academic schedule (2013-2014 Academic Year Calendar, as approved by Faculty Senate in March 2013) has students in class for ten consecutive weeks without a break, which has led to student complaints, and

**WHEREAS**, adherence to the Student Government Association strategic plan has exposed Senators to additional student feedback and suggestions for improvement, and

**WHEREAS**, SGA Senators conducted student opinion polls during the week of November 4-11, 2013, please reference the attachment for the results of the student polls

**WHEREAS**, the results of students polls (3042 students surveyed) reflect students are in favor of: a 2-day fall Break, full week Thanksgiving break, and full week of final exams Format for fall semester; and a 2-day February winter break, full week spring break, and a full week of final exams format for spring semester, and

**WHEREAS**, SGA has contacted the Registrar's office regarding the format is credible and can fit the requirements for an academic calendar with the necessary modifications to the start and end dates of the semester, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resolution display support from Student Government Association to the Academic Scheduling Committee to implement the above listed proposal for the 2015-2016 school year, in favor of the majority of the student poll

**FINALLY, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be distributed as deemed fit by the Student Government Association President upon passage.

**Student Government Association**  
**Valdosta State University**

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Initials: NB No: 0 Approval Date: 11/18/2013  
Abstain: 0  
Motion: Senator Julian Thompson Secondary Mover: Senator Brittany Roberts  
APPROVED DENIED VETOED President's Signature: [Signature]

**VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
ACADEMIC SCHEDULING STUDENT OPINION POLL**

This opinion poll is being conducted to obtain the student opinion in regards to the academic scheduling for future semesters of VSU. The proposals outlined in this document are not final and have not been approved by the Academic Scheduling committee, Office of the Registrar, nor any governing representative body of our campus. It is the sole mission of the SGA to gain a diverse pool of students' opinions in regards to the discussion of modifying the academic scheduling in order to provide a recommendation to the Academic Scheduling committee on behalf of the students of Valdosta State University.

<p><b>Fall Proposal #1</b></p>	<p>School starts second week of August          No Fall Break          Full week of Thanksgiving Break          Finals week: Monday—Exam Prep Day; extend finals to Tuesday-Friday          Finished with school after the first week of December</p> <p>518 total</p>
<p><b>Fall Proposal #2</b></p>	<p>School starts second week of August          2 day Fall Break established with Columbus Day          Three day Thanksgiving Break          Finals week: Monday—Exam Prep Day; extend finals to Tuesday-Friday          Finished with school after the first week of December</p> <p>468 total</p>
<p><b>Fall Proposal #3</b></p>	<p>School starts second week of August-- Delayed to start Wednesday instead of Monday          2 day Fall Break established with Columbus Day          Full week of Thanksgiving Break          Finals week: Monday—Exam Prep Day; extend finals to Tuesday-Friday          Finished with school after the second week of December <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed one week later than normal to make graduation the second weekend of December, congruent with Spring semester (still will have one month off if spring semester starts second week in Jan)</p> <p>1272 total</p>
<p><b>Fall Proposal #4</b></p>	<p>School starts third week in August--delayed one week than normal          No Fall Break          Full week of Thanksgiving Break          Finals week: Monday—Exam Prep Day; extend finals to Tuesday-Friday          Finished with school after the second week of December <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed one week later than normal to make graduation the second weekend of December, congruent with Spring semester (still will have one month off if spring semester starts second week in Jan)</p> <p>298 total</p>
<p><b>Fall Proposal #5</b></p>	<p>School starts third week in August-- delayed one week than normal          2 day Fall Break established with Columbus Day holiday          3 day Thanksgiving Break          Finals week: Monday—Exam Prep Day; extend finals to Tuesday-Friday          Finished with school after the second week of December <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed one week later than normal to make graduation the second weekend of December, congruent with Spring semester (still will have one month off if spring semester starts second week in Jan)</p> <p>486 total</p>

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<p><b>Spring Proposal #1</b></p>	<p>School starts first Monday of the new year (Staff and early check-in students would return and new student orientation all in one day—Fri, Jan 2)            Full week of Spring Break in March            Finals week: Monday—Exam Prep Day; extend finals to Tuesday-Friday            Finished with school after the first week of May</p> <p>751 total</p>
<p><b>Spring Proposal #2</b></p>	<p>School starts second Monday of the new year            Full week of Spring Break in March            Finals week: Monday—Exam Prep Day; extend finals to Tuesday-Friday            Finished with school the second week of May            Commencement during Mother's Day weekend</p> <p>694 total</p>
<p><b>Spring Proposal #3</b></p>	<p>School starts first Wednesday of the new year            Establishes mid-Winter Break aligned with President's Day holiday            Full week of Spring Break in March            Finals week: Monday—Exam Prep Day; extend finals to Tuesday-Friday            Finished with school the second week of May            Commencement during Mother's Day weekend</p> <p>1181 total</p>