# F2FacUnsure

It doesn't adequately address the summer length.

There is little time gain during summer break. However, I think having a full week off at Thanksgiving makes sense for families. It makes sense to reduce the December study/exam period.

#### Same reason

I like the two weeks of classes after Thanksgiving break. I do not like the mid-August start of classes. I don't see value to the week-long Thanksgiving break: foreign students still can't justify going home.

I like the concept of a full week's holiday at Thanksgiving, but I do not think weekday orientation would be an improvement -- unless the plan is to have students arrive the previous weekend, and thus have a more relaxed experience overall. The shorter orientation that was launched 3-4 years ago has been stressful for them.

I am indifferent to F2 and current fall, while I think F1 is a real improvement. We don't need a full Thanksgiving week break, followed by only 2 weeks of classes. That is poor placement of a full-week break. The weekend orientation seems fine, so I don't see the value of promoting weekday orientation

Please have class start on Wednesday rather than Thursday. MW classes are already losing one meeting time due to the Labor Day holiday. I think taking the whole week for Thanksgiving makes total sense since many students are already on that schedule.

Not convinced that a whole week at Thanksgiving has academic value. Can we offer more Thanksgiving activities here for those who won't head home for the holiday? Likewise, can the August childcare challenge be met by providing on-campus childcare (aka kids festival) for those two days and have an academically effective calendar? I like everything but the early start to the semester. This interferes with major professional meetings which take place in August for the social scientists.

This is at least a better arrangement for Thanksgiving break.

I wonder if having students in Ithaca for a longer period of time (adding break days and instruction days) will increase costs for the university without necessarily benefitting students?

I'm not sure a whole week at thanksgiving is any less disruptive than half a week so close to the end of term. Not much is gained at the start of the semester either

I like the variation of having a 12 day exam schedule. It challenging when students have 2 exams at the same time, or 3-4 in a 24 hour period; I don't like a full week at Thanksgiving.....

Classes taught on MW (or M only) have a full week less class time compared to TR courses. I think having a week-long break with less than two weeks of classes remaining seems strange. It may make it even harder for students to get back into the groove for that last push.

Having more classes after thanksgiving without extending the end in Dec is a possible plus. Shorter exam/study week is a minus. I lean against the proposed change but I do see some merit in it.

not sure I need a full week for Thanksgiving break

long thanksgiving break so close to the end seems a bit odd.

Finals and grading creep still close to Christmas. Having a whole week off around Thanksgiving is a long time.

again all depends on this impacts on the spring schedule which you have not shown me yet.

#### the semester still starts too soon

I'm concerned that with a week off at Thanksgiving time, the time after that is going to be difficult to teach in because we cannot give work to do over break which means everything stops right at the end of the semester. Three days is plenty and I recognize the problem with students from other parts of the U.S. that want to get home. They leave on Tuesday anyway and always will.

The advantage of this schedule is that it removes the "dangling" 3 days at the end of the semester, but F1 does this in a fashion that allows for a later start to the semester, which is advantageous for many students. (Cornell starts

## earlier than many of our peers.)

I like moving the classes later in August, but I don't think it goes far enough. I don't think the extra time at Thanksgiving is that helpful. It will really disrupt the flow at the end of the semester.

It is a great idea to add two more days to our Thanksgiving break. This on Thursday, but many students have left to go home on the Friday before. I have been teaching at CU for 25 years, and this has always been the case.

It seems like the main problem the F2 framework is trying to solve is that the last seven class days have diminished value. I'm not sure how big a problem that is. I would argue that having a week-long November break just two weeks before the end of classes also has diminished value.

Week off for thanksgiving is good. No classes after thanksgiving - just exams. Last class just before thanksgiving break is best, starting earlier in August to accomplish this is good.

I like having a longer class time after the Thanksgiving break, but the break is now too long such a short time before the end of the semester.

### Prefer F1

Although slight delay in start of semester from current, it is still a long time before public schools start. This mismatch places a huge burden on faculty with children, especially in 2-faculty households, and is my only serious complaint about the present calendar. Longer thanksgiving is not a very useful thing, since kids are in public school the first half of that week regardless.

Same comment about a late end of teh exam period. One week Thanksgiving break could be good.

I am neutral here. This seems like it really doesn't do anything to help with the childcare situation (though I suppose the 2 days in August would help at the margins). I don't personally see the benefit of a long Thanksgiving break, though some may, so I am neutral on this change.

I like the proposal of having Thanksgiving week off (it makes it more affordable to travel to visit family). I dislike ending the exam period on the 22nd (who wants to be grading exams over the Christmas holidays when you can be spending time with family?)

Not sure that it is necessary to extend the Thanksgiving break.

I find more time for teaching after Thanksgiving helpful, but I'm not sure what to think of a week-long break right before the end of the semester -- it feels like losing momentum. And the two days of teaching in the first week make no sense to me, as it doesn't address the issue that we start extraordinarily early, and as it will punish all classes that meet TR with two additional teaching days, while MW classes will have a 1.5 weeks less of teaching. So courses will now have unequally long semesters? If we go that way, we should count our losses and get rid of these first two days of teaching.

No clear preference

I prefer F1, because F2 means teaching just a single day prefer the weekend.

same reason as F1

Full week near TG is good, but better to start early in Aug and have longer winter break.

1) Part of the rationale is to free up August days that are rough for daycare (a good plan) but are the December 19-22 days going to have the same problem? 2) Will ending on December 22 give enough time for grading before final grades are due?

I do like the increased number of classes after Thanksgiving

Longest summer is desirable for folks like me who must teach and perform administrative duties during the 6-week summer session. Also, I have no problem with the Thanksgiving recess as it is.

It doesn't really change much, and I'm not in favor of making Tksgvng a full week (actually I favor restoring the Wed before Tksgving, to protect Mon and Tue)

like f1 better with later start date, more of a synch with Ithaca city schools

Thanksgiving break so close to end of semester is disruptive anyway but inevitable. Why make it longer?

A whole week for Thanksgiving seems long.

Such a long thanksgiving break is unwarranted. Students would just take a full 10 days off and that is disruptive to learning. Prefer to keep fall semester as is, and reduce the study/exam period so that everybody gets a longer winter break.

Still starts too early. No need of a whole week at Thanksgiving.

Week-long Thanksgiving may be too long just before break.

I like the late start and shorter exams but don't like the 5-day Thanksgiving break

adding the 2 days to fall break would be better. otherwise ok.

Longer Thanksgiving break makes sense since many students take the entire week off anyway. Scheduling more days of class after T-giving break makes it less of an afterthought. However extending exam period creates difficulties getting grades in and creates pressures to give late schedule exams early.

It doesn't do much to improve the early start date we currently have, although I like the 5-day Thanksgiving break.

I would rather move more days from August to December (i.e. F1 is better)

I am not favoring extending the Thanksgiving break, because it is very close to the end of the semester.

F1 is better

This is not as helpful as F1. Delaying the start of term by less than a week is not very helpful.

To me the extra days at Thanksgiving aren't all that valuable, but perhaps this calendar will be especially popular with students. I'm not opposed to it, but I prefer starting as late as possible.

The later start is good, but the long thanksgiving break is disruptive.

Start date that more closely matches K-12 calendar is helpful. Weeklong break so shortly before the end of the term seems excessive, but might be okay. Probably an improvement.

The summer is too short. Move august days to December. Don't start classes on a Thursday. Two day break is disruptive to schedule. 1 day break is worse. Full week Thanksgiving break is good.

later start to term is good; longer Thanksgiving is bad