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Scheduling exams as late as December 22 will not allow enough time for grading before the winter break. Not in favor of extending the Thanksgiving break. Some students will leave early and/or arrive late no matter how long or short the break is.

A weeklong Thanksgiving break does not align well with the Ithaca City School District calendar. I like the later semester start date but definitely not the later end date (too close to Christmas with too little time to travel and prepare for the holidays, especially for those who have to grade exams after students take them).

It is still a very early start.

I don't think we need the whole week of Thanksgiving off

week long x-giving break sounds nice at onset, but completely derails academic momentum

Sunday as move-in day in August means that many units that support opening day will have mandatory additional days of work for no appreciable benefit to them (no significant additional time to prepare for students to arrive). A longer Thanksgiving break is a nice bonus, but doesn't offset the August issue sufficiently.

I'd rather do away with fall break if we're going to move to a longer Thanksgiving break. If we're keeping both, a shorter Thanksgiving break is fine.

too many class days in August. Thanksgiving is too long, then they will be taking off the Friday before

I don't see why students need more time around Thanksgiving when I see that holiday in general during the big push to finals just stresses them out more. Would the university close too? It hurts university operations when students leave. Stresses international students who have no place to be (and friends are gone) and are saving their time to go home during the big vacation time (if they are lucky). Also puts stress on university operations that require student employees to keep operating.

Lengthening Thanksgiving break is unnecessary and inconsistent with the vast majority of schools and companies; moving fall start date back 2 days (in same week) is of limited value. Overall benefits to the Cornell calendar and students/staff would be questionable given the needed changes.

there is no need for a full week off at Thanksgiving

I don't see where this improves the situation. A longer Thanksgiving break so close to the end of the semester will allow for more anxiety, etc. Also, the extra weekend of exams could be moved up and allow for the semester to end sooner.

I don't see where having exams over the weekend is better than orientation over a weekend.

Don't need that many Thanksgiving days off.

While weekday Orientation is great, it is not clear that a week off that late in the semester (Thanksgiving) is necessary, helpful, or reduces anxiety about exams.

Expanding the Thanksgiving Break doesn't make sense for 2 reasons, there are a lot of international students who do not go home for break and are on campus and they all will be going home in a few short weeks after that anyway.

makes travel out of central ithaca more difficult so close to the holidays

Giving a whole week off for Thanksgiving only means that students will leave even earlier. I don't see the gain. I would also like for students who are graduating not potentially to have exams after they have attended a recognition ceremony.

Opening on a Sunday would create a challenge for the freshman move in.... there are hundreds of staff members who volunteer between traffic control, CUPD, and SCL staff to orchestrate move in. It could be difficult to get that same staff to do this event on a Sunday. If you note that weekend orientation works, and thanksgiving break works - why did you change it? This still has the challenge of not much time between move out and winter intercession if there are students here until 12/22 and staff leave 12/23.

Opening logistics on a weekend are nearly impossible. Will result in considerable overtime / staff issues if the effort is performed same way as in the past.

Weekend dates for orientation are fine.

There are not enough days for Monday classes. Some laboratory classes meet only once a week.

adding dates to Thanksgiving break does not seem to improve anything. It's at the end of the semester and a 5 day break seems to give students time to rest, recharge, etc. before last week and final exams. Not sure whether an all-weekday orientation would be a benefit. And the last exam day, again, with travel etc., might be an issue for students.

In addition to my above thoughts on the disruption caused by shortening the period between fall and spring semesters, please consider the effect of further imbalancing the number of Monday and Tuesday class days compared to the others. We serve lab courses that meet once a week, with sections on each of the five days of the week. *Already* the fact that there are two fewer Mondays causes scheduling problems; further removing a Monday and a Tuesday makes it difficult on students who have lab sections on those days.

I disagree that this addresses the "too early" start date of the fall semester because the shift in orientation and move in means the semester actually starts earlier for staff, who have to be fully present once students are on board, even if not in classes. Also, a Sunday move-in (an event that relies heavily on volunteers) would come up short in true volunteers if it were a Sunday event. Look at December graduation and how hard it is to get volunteers.

semester starts too early

I like moving in on Friday/Saturday better. Gives the students the weekend to get settled and get started with a full week

Why do students require 2 additional days at Thanksgiving? Again the exam schedule goes way later in December. Staff and faculty also need to get grades in and handle those that require another exam date. You aren't giving us enough time for this and for those who need to take time off for their own family obligations during the holiday season.

Prefer 4 August class days moved to December and believe that weekend orientation is more effective.

Same reason, exams too close to Christmas. Keep the 3 day thanksgiving break and it will work

No one needs a week vacation so close to the end of the semester when they will have almost a month (more or less) during winter break. It is better to have orientation over the weekend. Some people will have to work, but the majority of Cornell staff/faculty will be gone and campus will not be so busy.

I disagree, I do not like the move of two august class days to December.

I don't get it. Huge Thanksgiving break too close to Christmas.

Consider the impact on faculty and staff and not just the student.

Don't like the idea of moving a day here or there!

Weekend opening day requires significant support personnel to work on the weekend. Including but not limited to: Police, EHS, Transportation, Building Care, SCL, IPP. This could result in significant overtime expenses for these departments.

Ditto

Prolonged thanksgiving break disrupts the flow of instruction.

No particular improvement on the F1 proposal.

Too long Thanksgiving break and exams go too far into December.

A three day Thanksgiving break is enough for me.

Starting on a Thursday severely impacts courses that run on Mon/Wed only. In years that have an early Labor day Mon/Wed courses will not meet until similar courses on Tue/Thurs have met twice. The last day of exams is too late. A full week break might be helpful mid-term, but not near the end of classes. Again, finals and fall recognition conflict.

I don't think students need the entire thanksgiving week off but I've never had to travel across the country to get home. It seems too close to winter break to have it be a full week.

Semester ends too close to Christmas holiday

Doesn't significantly extend summer break

The Thanksgiving break is too long on F2

Does not really make the summer any longer, waste of time getting started, most of Thanksgiving break is not needed, and exam schedule will make for a more stressful and less efficient period

No need for week-long Thanksgiving break

Last exam day still too close to Christmas and too long a break for Thanksgiving

1) Doesn't improve the child care issue 2) I don't agree that a five day Thanksgiving break adds to anxiety.

5 day thanksgiving break is silly, so close to end of semester.

As a hourly employee who would be involved in new student orientation I don't want to have to work a weekend.

It creates more problems than it solves.

The longer T-giving break appears to put fall start times almost back to where they are currently.

I don't like the idea of Orientation events during the week. It will be hard to put on the sorts of programs we do now during the week.

This calendar has the residence halls opening on a Sunday- the number of staff needed to work opening that would then require over time or we may not be able to get in for that day could cause big challenges. Same concern about the end of the semester dates on years that we end closer to December 25.

I don't know about orientation on the weekdays; the five day thanksgiving--low attendance is a classroom management issue--moving to a week will just push students to leave on the Friday before

Opening Day on a Sunday? You must be utterly mad. The human resource challenge a weekend-opening would present is formidable. As a staff member who would likely be required to work, I protest.

No need to have a full week off for Thanksgiving. Assume that would mean staff would lose 3 holidays at another time of the year.

This is the worst scenario yet!!! Check-in day should not be on a weekend.

Starting classes at the end of the week causes an imbalance in meeting times---MW classes, and T classes don't meet until the second week. A full week for Thanksgiving seems excessive considering that the end of the semester is so close. Students can potentially lose momentum.

Too long a break just before the end of the semester.

Do not see benefit of additional days off during Thanksgiving.

The full week at Thanksgiving (meaning 9 consecutive days off) with only 9 days of classes remaining seems pointless. And this doesn't move the August start date enough to matter.

Does not solve for the August start date problem.

The latest possible day for exams is too late. Same problem with F1 in regards to grading.

dont need long Thanksgiving break

I don't think there's anything wrong with the current calendar.

This does not make the summer significantly longer.

I have never really liked the longer Thanksgiving break -- students can lose momentum with a longer Thanksgiving break. I'm also not sure this helps the August problem very much.

I like the general idea of this calendar better, but why five days at Thanksgiving? It effectively means the first days back after Thanksgiving will have to be review days of what was covered before Thanksgiving. Start with the F2 calendar, keep Thanksgiving at 3 days and end two days earlier.

The long Thanksgiving break seems crazy - it's right before the semester ends and exams. With that addition the change in start date and end date don't amount to much of a change at all.

Do not like Sunday move in. Some services parents might want to use will be closed like health services

It hardly makes a difference!

An interruption of an entire week is significant. In our program, it would fall in a 6-week long course, which would be a significant disruption in momentum.

Not much change to the fall semester start.

I don't believe Thanksgiving break needs to be longer.

I don't see the need for a full week at Thanksgiving, particularly as there is a long break shortly thereafter in December. I am in favor of a later start to the school year.

Same points as for F1 previously

Making Thanksgiving break a full week will just push the unofficial start of that break back to the preceding Friday (as happens with Spring break)

having orientation partially on the weekend helps new parents take time off to travel and participate in events

I think F1 accomplishes the changes better.

Not clear who all-weekday orientation serves. Would argue that it does not serve students or families well. Removes key programming time for orientation for mandated and desirable (ie, diversity, building connections, introduction to resources) programming. Weekend move-in exponentially increases costs (overtime for key staff for move-in, check-in, and other needs). Increases potential missed work days for families bringing students to Cornell (hotels require 3-night minimum stay). When is convocation?

Why are we extending thanksgiving break; I don't see a reason for that in the motivators? This unfairly discriminates against students who can't afford two trips home (for end of the semester).

Making Thanksgiving break a week long is a hardship for faculty members who have children in Ithaca schools, which don't have the whole week off.

the long thanksgiving break makes it hard for students on financial aid who don't live within driving distance, who may not be able to afford to go home for thanksgiving week

Thanksgiving break is too long.