

S4StaffUnsure

What happens to winter session??

I like S3 but we'd have to look carefully at what the fall semester looks like. Starting earlier in spring would likely necessitate ending earlier in the fall to have a reasonable winter break for students and staff.

I like this best of the new S options. A long winter break does not usually give enough time for a productive employment/internship, etc, so shortening winter break and expanding summer break can be useful. But I would be annoyed to come back for 2 days and then have a 3day weekend. Should start the following Tues and push back exam period 2 days.

More during the winter is interesting and I like the longer summer, but I'm not sure how others would feel about more time in snowy Ithaca.

This could work as I support starting earlier in January but perhaps starting the day after "Martin Luther King" day and putting those two days at the end of April, moving student/exam period by two days.

It would be nice to have Memorial Day weekend for personal use. What will this do to winter session classes?

What does this mean for Greek recruitment period? does this mean they return Jan 2nd? This scenario leaves essentially no time for projects or maintenance between F1 and S3. The impact will be facility issues that will not get addressed until summer. Many students may not bother leaving at all. No down time for maintaining community centers, dining, pools, gyms, etc.

Like the idea of moving commencement off the Mem Day weekend, and giving all students an earlier start to summer projects/work (more in line with other institutions), but stretch from Jan. 8 to end of Mar. feels long psychologically.

These diagrams are quite impenetrable to someone who has not had the luxury of sitting on the committee. They need more context in order for the average staff person to be able to interpret in a meaningful way.

This isn't something I use

Mixed feelings on starting spring semester earlier. Staff use this January time for preparation for Spring and travel. Definite advantages, however, to ending the semester earlier. Allows our students more opportunity for a break before summer jobs or internships. Also keeps two days of February break in the same week as Ithaca schools.

Jan 8 seems really early to come back - Jan 14 is do-able.

I'm not sold on the premise that "having a 2-break spring is important," which is common both to the current reality and to all proposals for change.

Class schedule does not directly effect me.

I am unsure of starting so early in January and what affect that would have on faculty and staff coming off from their holiday break. having Commencement earlier I like as long as it doesn't conflict with IC graduation and allows faculty and staff to enjoy the entire Memorial weekend.

This could work. I think it is smart to try to have graduation before Memorial Day weekend. My concern would be starting so much earlier in January. Students could adjust but will faculty be in agreement?

Intersession is too short for students to travel long distances, take classes, participate in other learning activities like shadowing.

I'm not familiar enough with how the Spring semester schedule works for the students, and it doesn't change anything for staff.

Thursday start day is insufficient, Wednesday needs to be first start day. Ending earlier is great!

Puts us more in sync with spring semesters at most other institutions (earlier commencement), but given Ithaca weather conditions in January the semester may begin too soon after New Year's for many students, posing travel difficulties, etc. Spacing of breaks seems about right, though.

Changing commencement away from Memorial day is a big change... A shorter winter break does make some sense... does this effectively eliminate the winter session? How important is that winter session to students who

need another class to graduate or get ahead... does the longer summer affect summer school plans (engineering co-op, etc.)

This is more similar to other Universities I am familiar with. It does seem like Cornell's winter break is too long. Do students actually use that time productively? I don't know. Ending earlier in the spring seems better, but does having commencement on a weekend other than Memorial Day prevent some people from attending? I also don't know.

Starts early. Good to move graduation away from Memorial Day weekend.

It's an interesting idea but it seems that spring break is it's also hard to have most of the time the students are on campus be dark and cold...

First, how is the summer break too short? Too short for what? How does this effect winter session activities/classes? I don't like commencement on Memorial Day weekend, but why move it up two weeks instead of just one? (I think it must have to do with IC's graduation but I'm not sure)

this is a big change especially with graduation date. How does this impact summer class scheduling, conferences? How does graduation date fit with Ithaca College and impact on local community?

The winter break is too short. International students may need to leave for several weeks for visa reasons, etc. Others (grads/faculty) may do research over this break. I love the spring break timing and earlier Commencement. However, I don't think we need to start on January 8 to accomplish that (and predict significant backlash by faculty at staff expense). Exams/senior week are too spread out and start too early.

This ends the year very early. Like where the breaks fall and that commencement isn't over Memorial Day weekend, but the shift to eliminate January break may not be well received where there are current student programming, internships, etc.

are you taking into account graduation for Ithaca college? may have impact on rooms available for parents/friends. I'm not sure when Ithaca College graduation is.

Will Commencement be the same weekend as commencements at other area universities (Ithaca College, Binghamton, Cortland)? Is there enough hotel rooms for families if all commencements are the same weekend? What about restaurant capacity and local traffic?

S3 gives less "down time" after the winter break to allow between-semester support activities, but it lengthens the summer. Also a sufficiently radical departure from what's there now that I'm not sure what all the implications are.

I think the students would flip if they had to come back to school that early in January.... But I like the longer summer and no graduation on memorial weekend.

I like the earlier start -- not such a long break. But it could be difficult for academic advising staff and faculty to determine and communicate mid-term academic actions. Already a tough gig, I've been told.

Having Commencement before Memorial Day weekend will make it harder for parents without much vacation time to attend than if Commencement if over the holiday weekend.

I think S3 might be a bit too early for the Holiday break (it would be a week and a half versus almost a month) but Again I think having an earlier graduation weekend is ideal.

earlier classes, earlier commencement, the grad schools could have significant issues with this schedule in January; breaks are spaced evenly

Slight preference for s3

If that will make IC and CU graduation dates the same that will cause big trouble.

Our winters are better now, as winter weather gets less stormy this options looks better. But in bad winter weather it would be extra work to keep things running smoothly. Starting so quickly after the winter break means there is no down time before the rush starts for student return. Are there projects on campus that depend on the down time to upgrade facilities?, Software? Will reunion weekend also be moved up? Some students stay to work through commencement and then reunion weekend...

School year seems to end very early? But no objection to bringing students back earlier in January.

Breaks should coincide with public school breaks.

Might also solve problems

Unable to read the calendar

Does starting earlier raise the cost of heating dorms etc? In S3, wouldn't students have less time in nice weather to have a better experience, mental health, etc.

this gives a very short January break; commencement will have more overlap with other schools

It is a big shift. Not opposed, but not sure why this is a good idea. Moving commencement off Memorial Day is good, though.

End in spring earlier (big bonus!). More appropriately timed spring breaks. Shorter winter break --- I hear from many students that ours is too long.

Ithaca in January vs Ithaca in May, travel on a non-holiday weekend for families for commencement. Do students do anything in January? would they rather come in January and get out earlier in May?

Early start date will interfere with timing of winter enhancement coursework. Benefit of early start depends on which fall calendar is selected. If new fall schedule has exams until Dec 22, winter holiday is short. Seems pointless to start classes and have MLK day after 2 days. Starting after MLK day seems more logical.