

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A FOUR WEEK WINTER BREAK

1. *Whereas:* Ohio University is currently transitioning from quarters to semesters, and
2. *Whereas:* The Quarters to Semesters Committee (Q2S) has committed to ensure that students are not disadvantaged by
3. the transition, and
4. *Whereas:* The mission of the Q2S committee states as one of its priorities “holding harmless students who will be
5. subject to the transition...and being thoughtful and creative in how we approach our curriculum as a semester
6. institution,” and
7. *Whereas:* Students of Ohio University want a four week break, and
8. *Whereas:* If Q2S intends to uphold its commitment to not disadvantage students by the transition from quarters to
9. semesters, and
10. *Whereas:* A shorter period would disadvantage graduate students conducting research or seeking employment, and
11. *Whereas:* With the current economic climate of the United States students need all the time they can to work between
12. semesters as possible, and
13. *Whereas:* A longer break helps students to be able to relax and not be burnt-out during the Spring Semester, and
14. *Whereas:* During a survey put forth by the Academic Calendar Task Force Committee students overwhelmingly voted
15. that they would want a longer break, followed by getting out of school earlier as their top two priorities, and
16. *Whereas:* Students would still get out the second week of May with a four week break, and
17. *Whereas:* Many colleges in the state of Ohio have four week Winter Breaks, therefore be it resolved
18. *Resolved:* that the Ohio University Student Senate urges the Q2S to heed the student concerns and create a four week
19. break in the new academic calendar, and further be it
20. *Resolved:* That the Ohio University Student Senate continues to lobby the university community to hear the student
21. voice, respect the student voice, and make the decision the students favor, and therefore be it
22. *Resolved:* that a copy of this resolution and letter of explanation be sent to, but not limited to: Dr. Roderick
23. McDavis, President of Ohio University, Dr. Kent Smith, Vice President for Student Affairs, Dean Ryan
24. Lombardi, Dean of Students, Quarters to Semesters Committee, All College Deans

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