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| To: | The University Senate |
| From: | The Purdue University Senate Educational Policy Committee |
| Subject: | Proposal to Introduce 4-Week January Term (JTerm) to Academic Calendar |
| Reference: | https://www.purdue.edu/provost/documents/cwc-j-term.pdf |
| Disposition: | University Senate for Discussion and Adoption |
| Rationale: | <p>Purdue University has explored/discussed the concept of a “Winter Session” at various points over time. Students and instructors have expressed interest in this idea in the past. However, the University has never formalized the idea of a winter term. Students and instructors have continued to inquire about the possibility of this Winter Session.</p> <p>In response to this interest, Purdue University academic Deans re-energized and developed the idea as an innovation for the post-COVID-19 period. After discussion, the Deans believed a “Winter Session” could be an opportunity for academic innovation, enhance the curriculum with creative, immersive educational experiences, and promote student success.</p> <p>In fall and spring 2020-2021, a working group composed of students, staff, and faculty was formed to explore the idea of a Winter term. In consultation with the EPC, the group created a winter term proposal, where details of a January Term or “J Term” are outlined (https://www.purdue.edu/provost/documents/cwc-j-term.pdf).</p> <p>Senate committees such as Educational Policy, Faculty Affairs, and Student Affairs discussed this proposal’s details. These details have also been the subject of a community-wide live discussion on Thursday, February 25, 2021.</p> <p>Proposal: The Purdue University Senate supports the continued study of a January term that maximizes the benefits and opportunities available to students, faculty and staff.</p> <p>The University Senate looks forward to working closely with the January Term Working Group to develop the current proposal-draft further, for potential implementation of a January Term</p> |

during the 2022-2023 winter session.

Committee Votes:

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