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Today at 9:53 AM

Dear Chair McKerral,

I have attached the modified academic calendar for Fall 2025, which will allow for increased teaching time after Thanksgiving. The new calendar does several things that we feel are important:

1. It still starts the semester on the timeline defined in the faculty handbook
2. It allows time for a week for orientation of new faculty
3. It allows students to be on campus for a period of two weeks to acclimate prior to a holiday weekend. This increased time has shown to improve student success
4. It allows for a couple of extra days of instruction, which builds in additional days in case of inclement weather
5. It allows for a reading day for students to prepare for tests and/or to finish projects
6. It increases the time after thanksgiving before tests begin

I would ask you to please share with the Faculty Senate and if there are comments or concerns please send them to me Robert.Fischer@wku.edu and/or Jennifer Hammonds jennifer.hammonds@wku.edu

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bud

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