

SURVEY OF AFA MEMBERS RE: ACADEMIC CALENDAR, PDA & FLEX

(Return this survey to the AFA mailbox in Bailey Hall by 5:00 pm, Friday, May 11, 2007.)

There are three types of questions on this survey:

- Some questions will ask for a scaled response (5 = Strongly Agree, 1 = Strongly Disagree)
- Some questions may require choosing ONE option.
- Some questions may require choosing ALL acceptable options.

NOTE: The latest approved Academic Calendar is posted at: www.santarosa.edu/schedules/academic_calendar/

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| 1. Spring Break is a welcome part of the Spring calendar. | <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Strongly Agree</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Strongly Disagree</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 2 1</td> </tr> </table> | Strongly Agree | | Strongly Disagree | 5 | 4 | 3 2 1 |
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| 2. I'd rather eliminate Spring Break and have one more week of winter break or one more week of summer break. | <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Strongly Agree</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Strongly Disagree</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 2 1</td> </tr> </table> | Strongly Agree | | Strongly Disagree | 5 | 4 | 3 2 1 |
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| 3. Assuming Spring Break is continued, I would like the Spring Break to be scheduled as follows:
CHOOSE <u>ONE</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-semester
<input type="checkbox"/> Same time as Santa Rosa City Schools (whenever they schedule theirs)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Equinox (around March 21)
<input type="checkbox"/> Related to Easter
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: When? _____ | | | | | | | |
| 4. Assuming Spring Break is continued, I think the Spring Break should be of the following length:
CHOOSE <u>ONE</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> One week – seven days
<input type="checkbox"/> Long weekend – three days
<input type="checkbox"/> Long weekend – four days
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: How long? _____ | | | | | | | |
| 5. Assuming Spring Break is continued, I would be interested in exploring other options for scheduling Spring Break :
CHOOSE <u>ALL</u> THAT APPLY
<input type="checkbox"/> The week before classes start for spring – making winter break one week longer
<input type="checkbox"/> Making a few long weekends instead of having a Spring Break week, for example at President's weekend, or mid-semester, or Equinox, or Easter
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: When? _____ | | | | | | | |
| 6. A Fall Break would be a welcome addition to the Fall calendar, although it might mean starting classes sooner, or ending them later in the Fall semester. | <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Strongly Agree</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Strongly Disagree</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 2 1</td> </tr> </table> | Strongly Agree | | Strongly Disagree | 5 | 4 | 3 2 1 |
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| 7. Assuming a Fall Break is instituted, I think the Fall Break should be of the following length:
CHOOSE <u>ONE</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> One week – seven days
<input type="checkbox"/> Long weekend – three days
<input type="checkbox"/> Long weekend – four days
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: How long? _____ | | | | | | | |
| 8. Assuming a Fall Break is instituted, I would like the Fall Break to be scheduled as follows:
CHOOSE <u>ONE</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Equinox (around Sept. 21)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mid-semester
<input type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving Week
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: When? _____ | | | | | | | |
| 9. I like the institutional (mandatory-attendance) PDA Day for the Fall semester to occur at the beginning of the Fall Semester. | <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Strongly Agree</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Strongly Disagree</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3 2 1</td> </tr> </table> | Strongly Agree | | Strongly Disagree | 5 | 4 | 3 2 1 |
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10. I would be interested in exploring **other options** for scheduling the **institutional (mandatory-attendance) PDA Day** for the **Fall** semester.

CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY:

- Mid-Semester
 In connection with Veteran's Day
 In connection with Thanksgiving Holiday
 Other: When? _____

Strongly Agree Strongly Disagree

11. I like the **institutional (mandatory-attendance) PDA Day** for the **Spring** semester to occur at the beginning of the Spring Semester.

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12. I would be interested in exploring **other options** for scheduling the **institutional (mandatory-attendance) PDA Day** for the **Spring** semester.

CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY:

- In connection with President's weekend
 Mid-Semester
 In connection with Easter
 Other: When? _____

Strongly Agree Strongly Disagree

13. I like having the **four Professional Development Days** that we have now – two institutional (mandatory attendance) days and two flexible (Flex) days for individual projects related to professional development.

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14. I would like to see the following **number of Professional Development Days** each year (15 max. per year):

CHOOSE ALL THAT APPLY

- Minimum: Two institutional (mandatory-attendance) days only (the SRJC-required minimum)
 More than two institutional (mandatory-attendance) days
 Number desired _____
 One Flex day for individual professional development
 More than one Flex day for individual professional development
 Number desired _____

Strongly Agree Strongly Disagree

15. I'd like to establish some **official "Department Time"** each semester so ALL faculty can have the opportunity to meet together to discuss department matters.

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16. I would like to schedule some **official "Department Time"** each semester as follows:

CHOOSE ONE

- Part of the institutional (mandatory-attendance) PDA Days
 Part of the NON-mandatory-attendance PDA Flex Days, for Flex credit for those who can attend
 At a specific time each semester
 Other: When? _____

Strongly Agree Strongly Disagree

17. I find the **current offering of activities** for the **institutional (mandatory attendance) PDA Days** to be valuable and/or useful.

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18. I find the **current array of activities** that receive **Flex credit** to be valuable and/or useful.

Strongly Agree Strongly Disagree

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19. The **types of activities** that I would like to see receive **Flex credit** include:
(List any and all that would be of interest to you):

Strongly Agree Strongly Disagree

20. I would be interested in exploring the **three-semester academic year**, for example, having three semesters each of 16 weeks duration, or some other arrangement.

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