

Senate Steering Committee Agenda
September 10, 2020
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.
Via Zoom

Call to Order

Sylvain Doré, Chair

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**Angela Lindner, Associate Provost
for Undergraduate Affairs**

Request from Provost Joe Glover:

Would you please initiate the process to eliminate the week-long spring instructional break from the calendar for the Spring 2021 semester. That is, we will plan to start the Spring semester a week later than currently scheduled, and the semester will not contain the usual break from instruction. The President has approved this change in calendar, and I will inform the deans tomorrow. Here are the reasons this seems like a wise move:

1. It will give any fall flareup an extra week to subside in December-January.
2. It will give a longer time in December-January for students to get the flu vaccine.
3. It will give another week's time for a potential vaccine to be developed and distributed.
4. Students will not have a week to travel and then return to Gainesville, potentially spreading and returning with the virus.

Adjournment

Sylvain Doré, Chair