



# The Student Senate

## Texas A&M University

S.B. 64-05

The Student Senate  
64<sup>th</sup> Session  
Texas A&M University

Introduced By: Senator Chris Esparza, Off Campus

Action Taken

**PASSED**

Certified By:

Tanner Wilson  
Speaker of the Senate

**SEP 21 2011**

Duly Approved:

  
Jeff Pickering  
Student Body President

### The Academic Calendar Bill

*"A bill requesting the exploration of possible alternatives to the academic calendar."*

- Whereas(1):** Students, Faculty, and Staff alike have expressed a desire to examine alternatives to the current academic calendar, specifically dealing with the Wednesday before Thanksgiving; and,
- Whereas(2):** Many students travel large distances to go home over the Thanksgiving Holidays and are often subjected to unsafe driving conditions due to increased holiday traffic; and,
- Whereas(3):** Many "Peer Institutions" as identified in Vision 2020 have academic calendars that differ from Texas A&M's; and,
- Whereas(3):** The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate has proposed a change to the currently posted Fall 2012 calendar such that all classes beginning after noon on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving be redefined to take place on the Wednesday before finals, showing the faculty's commitment to exploring alternatives.



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Further Certified By:

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Tanner Wilson".

Tanner Wilson  
Speaker of the Senate

Therefore,

Let it be

**Enacted(1):** That the Student Government Association of Texas A&M University requests that the Speaker of the Faculty Senate create a special committee composed of both students and faculty to explore alternatives to the current academic calendar; and,

Let it be

Further

**Enacted(2):** That a copy of this legislation be presented to the Speaker of the Faculty Senate at Texas A&M University.