

Attachment 1
Approved by Faculty Senate Academic Affairs on April 16, 2024

RESOLUTION 5/14/2024

WILDCAT PAUSE DAY

BY: Kansas State University Faculty Senate

WHEREAS, There is evidence students, faculty, and staff are having increasing issues with mental health, which are more common in Fall than in Spring, and

WHEREAS, There are no breaks in our calendar between Labor Day and Thanksgiving week, as opposed to having Spring Break in the middle of the Spring semester, and

WHEREAS, SGA has requested the addition of a Wildcat Pause Day in as a Mental Health Day, and

WHEREAS, K-State is committed to wellness, but

WHEREAS, Cancelling a partial week of class will cause disruption to many courses, especially those where different sections may meet on different days.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

SECTION 1. Faculty Senate endorses the SGA request that the Provost should ask the Board of Regents to make a Friday in October, to be determined each year based on scheduling, be a Wildcat Pause Day with no classes scheduled for Fall 2024, 2025, and 2026.

SECTION 2. The University should monitor and evaluate the effectiveness and costs of Wildcat Pause Day through regular feedback mechanisms and other assessments.

SECTION 3. The University Calendar Committee should consider more general changes to the calendar to reduce disruptions caused by cancelling only a partial week (e.g. starting the semester on a Thursday and giving a two day break in October), with a goal to make a recommendation for permanent changes effective in Fall 2027.

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Date