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Initial Draft Resolution from IUPUI Undergraduate Student Government (USG) and the Academic Affairs Committee (AAC), March 2009

RESOLUTION TO PROPOSE AN OCTOBER FALL BREAK AT IUPUI
For consideration by the IUPUI Faculty Council and the Office of the Registrar

Preamble:

We the students and faculty at IUPUI feel that a Fall Break should be instituted into the calendar such that it will be recognized as an academic recess. This recess will result in no loss of teaching days, as it calls for the fall semester to begin on a Monday rather than a Wednesday. This will allow for the first week of classes to be a full week to benefit students and instructors as well as gain an extra week of laboratory sessions in some departments. In doing so, fall semester will still be in accordance with the established IUPUI Academic Calendar guidelines. This academic recess shall fall in October between the 8-week class end date (1st 8 week) and start date (2nd 8 week). It will also coincide with the National “Fall Alternative Break” movement seen as a time to serve others in a new community. Introducing this Fall Break in October will reduce high stress at this predictable time in the semester for students, faculty, and staff, serving as a time to re-charge academically and prepare for the remainder of the semester.

Resolution:

WHEREAS, there is no break between the Labor Day holiday and the Thanksgiving holiday in the Fall Semester, and

WHEREAS, this long stretch of classes causes high stress at a predictable time in semester, and

WHEREAS, a mid-semester October Fall Break would allow students and faculty time to re-charge academically and prepare for the remainder of the semester

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the IUPUI Faculty Council, that a Fall Break be implemented to divide up the semester, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED this break will occur on a consecutive Monday and Tuesday in mid-October, but

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this proposal can be subject to review at a later date when and if the IUPUI or IU system calendar is later reviewed and revised.

Implementation Guidelines:

- 1) This policy will become effective in Fall 2010.
- 2) The fall semester will start 2 days earlier in August, on a Monday rather than a Wednesday.
- 3) The proposed Fall Break will be considered "Non-instruction days" for staff similar to Spring Break; staff wishing to take time off would use their Accrued Time.