Resolution Regarding No Classes Thanksgiving Week

Whereas UNT has a large proportion of non-traditional students with childcare responsibilities.

Whereas many of those UNT students rely on public schools as part of their childcare plans;

Whereas public schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Metroplex do not have classes during the full week of Thanksgiving;

Whereas finding temporary childcare solutions the week of Thanksgiving can be impossible for students of limited financial means and family support;

Whereas UNT could begin its fall term one week earlier in August than it traditionally has without creating a childcare burden for its students since most school districts in DFW begin their fall terms earlier than UNT;

Whereas although UNT Faculty are appreciative that classes are not held the Wednesday before Thanksgiving now, we believe that this will make it even more difficult to promote full class attendance on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week;

Whereas UT Dallas does not have classes that meet the full week of Thanksgiving during the fall semester;

Be it Resolved that the Faculty Senate requests the Provost's Office, Student Affairs, and the Registrar work together to plan an academic calendar beginning with the 2023-24 academic year that allows for no classes the full week of Thanksgiving in exchange for an earlier August start date but still maintains a robust First-Flight experience for our new students.

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