

# SPECIAL FACULTY SENATE MEETING



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*“Planning for the 2020-2021 academic year in The Texas A&M University System continues with an unwavering commitment to the health and safety of our students, faculty, and staff, and in pursuit of the highest academic quality in our teaching, research, and service. With those foundational commitments at the forefront, the universities and agencies of the System plan to open this academic year and resume face-to-face instruction unless evidence or directives mandate otherwise. Making informed decisions on classes, activities, and residential living while remaining flexible to adjust as needed, we will act responsibly, assuring as best as we are able, the safety of students, faculty, and staff”* (The Texas A&M University System’s COVID-19 Response Plan for Reopening Member Campuses and Programs for 2020-2021, May 21, 2020, p. 1). <https://www.tamus.edu/pdf/Reopening-Plan-REVISED-FINAL.pdf>

# Agenda for Friday, June 5, 2020

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- Minutes Approval (5 May 2020)
- Provost's Presentation
- FS President's Report
- New Business
- Announcements



# Minutes Approval



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# Provost's Presentation



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REPORTS FROM FACULTY SENATE  
PRESIDENT  
Ari Sherris

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3 June 2020 meeting

Attendees: President Hussey, Provost Rasmussen, FS President Ari Sherris, & FS President-Elect Chen

- Budget
- Fall Teaching Modalities
- COVID-19



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# PRESENTATION OUTLINE PROVOST G. ALLEN RASMUSSEN

**From:** G. Allen Rasmussen <george.rasmussen@tamuk.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 1, 2020 12:21 PM  
**To:** Ari Sherris <Arieh.Sherris@tamuk.edu>  
**Subject:** fall calendar.

Ari,

Since the system has stated that several schools were going to not return after thanksgiving and have online finals, students have contacted the system and we have been ask if we will do the same.

Currently we are scheduled to start August 24, 2020 (Monday). Thanksgiving is November 26-27. We return on the 30<sup>th</sup> and the last day of classes is Dec 2, 2020 (three days). I see several options: I would like input from faculty senate. Currently I have ask the colleges for the same input, we will be making the decision this week.

1. Stay the same and hope all goes well and adjust on the fly. (our current model)
2. Keep current calendar, but provide the last three days online/hybrid and online finals. (Make the decision now).  
(We may also suggest that lab finals be moved to Wednesday or the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving.)
3. Start three days early keep classes the same and have online finals.

These last two are not probably this year, but could be discussed for the future because of the potential long term concerns. The main issue is these two alter holiday schedules ½ way through the year.

4. Start two days early and remove labor day holiday and have online finals.
5. Keep the current start date and remove labor day holiday with two days on online instruction (one T/TH class and one MWF class).

College Station moved their start date to August 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday to accommodate the three days lost after Thanksgiving. Finals are online.

Commerce has stated they will not return after Thanksgiving. Their calendar has not changed so I assume they will provide online instruction and online finals after Thanksgiving.

Corpus has not indicated they will change on their calendar.

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New Business  
FALL 2020

# Polling for G. Allen Rasmussen - Fall Calendar 2020

Poll #1

"Since the system has stated that several schools were going to not return after thanksgiving and have online finals, students have contacted the system and we have been ask if we will do the same.

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(email from G. Allen Rasmussen 6-1-2020 12:21pm)





# New Business Poll FALL 2020

## Polling Results

1. "I see several options: I would like input from faculty senate. Currently I have ask the colleges for the same input, we will be making the decision this week."  
(email from G. Allen Rasmussen 6-1-2020 12:21pm)

Stay the same and hope all goes well and adjust on the fly. (our current model)

Stay the same... 3 in favor

Keep current calendar, but provide the last three days online/hybrid and online finals. (Make the decision now). (We may also suggest that lab finals be moved to Wednesday or the Saturday prior to Thanksgiving.)

Keep current calendar, but... 16 in favor

Start three days early keep classes the same and have online finals.

Start three days early... 5 in favor

4 Senators did not poll.



Motion to postpone this poll:  
In favor of postponement: 25  
Against postponement: 1  
Abstentions: 2

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FALL 2021

## Polling for G. Allen Rasmussen about Fall 2021

Poll #2

"These last two are not probably this year, but could be discussed for the future because of the potential long term concerns. The main issue is these two alter holiday schedules 1/2 way through the year."

(email, G. Allen Rasmussen 6-1-20, 12:21pm)



# New Business FALL 2021

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(email, G. Allen Rasmussen 6-1-20, 12:21pm)

- Start two days early and remove labor day holiday and have online finals.
- Keep the current start date and remove labor day holiday with two days on online instruction (one T/TH class and one MWF class).



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please email all motions and resolutions to [FacultySenateOfficers@tamuk.edu](mailto:FacultySenateOfficers@tamuk.edu) no later than Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 5:00 pm CDT if you would like the Executive Committee to add them to the Tuesday, Faculty Senate Agenda.
- Our Fall 2020 Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020 from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm and it will be online.
- Senators may raise motions and resolutions from the floor rather than submit them to the EC, but should have them ready in writing as in the format on slides found on page 23 of this pdf: [https://www.tamuk.edu/senate/ files FS/5 -May-2020-TAMUK-Faculty-Senate-Presentation.pdf](https://www.tamuk.edu/senate/files_FS/5-May-2020-TAMUK-Faculty-Senate-Presentation.pdf).



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