

Texas A&M University-Kingsville  
Special Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda  
June 5, 2020

- I. Call to order/Quorum call
- II. Approval of minutes, May 5, 2020 meeting
- III. Presentations
  - a. Provost Rasmussen

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**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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- IV. Report
  - a. Senate reports – Dr. Ari Sherris, Senate President
- V. New Business
  - a. Polling Topics Presented by Provost Rasmussen

VI. Announcements

VII. Adjournment