

Resolution to Standardize Fall Break
Educational Policy and Student Affairs (EPSA) Committee
Faculty Senate
March 5, 2018 – First Reading

Whereas the original intent of having a Reading Day was to provide a brief break in the middle of fall semester (there was a long period of time with no break between Labor Day and Veteran's day);

Whereas Ohio University currently schedules a reading day each fall semester;

Whereas the floating nature of the current implementation of Reading Day (inconsistent day of the week) makes it difficult to predict and schedule around (e.g., Friday, October 3, 2014; Friday, October 2, 2015; Monday, October 3, 2016; Tuesday, October 10, 2017);

Whereas scheduling Reading Day on weekdays other than Friday are more likely to interrupt one-day or two-day per week class schedules;

Whereas missing a Friday class is less disruptive to coursework and other academic activities than other days of the week;

Whereas Reading Day is already scheduled to occur on Fridays through fall of 2021 (e.g., Friday, October 5, 2018; Friday, October 4, 2019; Friday, October 2, 2020; Friday, October 1, 2021);

Whereas there is student and faculty support for the continued use of some form of fall break; and

Whereas the term reading day does not precisely reflect the nature of activities that occur on that day.

Be it resolved that the title of Reading Day be changed to Fall Break beginning fall semester 2019 (classes not in session, but university remains open); and

Be it further resolved that Fall Break will consistently be held on a Friday near the middle of fall semester and that if it cannot be held at that time (e.g. if it would put us out of compliance with ODHE guidelines) that the Registrar's Office should consult Faculty Senate.