

Bennington College
8 October 1968

Memorandum to students
from Edith Stewart

I attach a copy of the academic calendar for the year in the thought that you may wish to be reminded of the dates, some of which were changed by the week of self-study.

I want to bring two things to your attention. First, both Fall and Spring terms are shorter than in the past, with classes ending on Wednesday. This change was made by the Faculty in the expectation that students would continue their course work and attendance through the last day, since faculty members no longer have to write reports while college is still in session. The second matter is that there is no Thanksgiving vacation: we shall continue to have classes on Thursday and Friday of that week. This is part of the plan which shortened the Fall term at an earlier time. Last spring the Faculty considered having a Thanksgiving vacation, but voted to continue to have classes. The principal reason was that each break in the term is also a break in the continuity of each course. A second break so soon after Long Weekend seemed undesirable.

I attach a copy of the Faculty's action, also.

1968-1969 CALENDAR (revised)

Fall Term

Self Study:	Friday Wednesday	September 6 through September 11	Week of self study, all returning students and faculty attending
Orientation:	Thursday	September 12	New students arrive
	Friday	" 13	Consultation with program advisors
	Saturday	" 14	Registration
	Sunday	" 15	Orientation panels
Classes:	Monday	" 16	Classes begin, 8:30 a.m.
	Friday	November 1	Long Weekend begins at 1:00 p.m.
	Wednesday	" 6	Classes resume, 8:30 a.m.
	Wednesday	December 18	Last day of classes
	Christmas Vacation	Thursday, December 19 through Sunday, December 29	

There is no Thanksgiving vacation. Classes will meet as usual on that day.

Non-Resident Term

Monday, December 30 through Friday, February 28 (9 weeks)

Spring Term

Tuesday	March	4	Registration
Wednesday	"	5	Classes begin, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	April	23	Long Weekend begins at 1:00 p.m.
Monday	"	28	Classes resume, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday	June	11	Classes end 1:00 p.m.
Saturday	"	14	Commencement
Monday	September 8, 1969		Classes begin, 8:30 a.m.

The Faculty on May 8, 1968, voted that

1) classes will end on Wednesday in both terms (one day earlier than at present in the spring term, two days earlier in the fall). All student work will be due by the final day of classes in each term. Students may leave after their last class; and they must leave by noon of the day following the end of classes. (In the spring term students taking part in the commencement ceremony may stay until commencement day.) Instructors' final reports will be due at 9:00 a.m. on the following Monday. Any necessary end of term ECC panel meetings will be held Monday afternoon or Tuesday, and all Faculty members will be required to be available for these panel meetings throughout that Tuesday. In the case of degree candidates reports will be due and decisions made earlier, in time for the last faculty meeting as they are presently.

2) in the spring term, registration will be held on Tuesday, with classes beginning on Wednesday.

3) these recommended changes will be implemented in the academic year 1968-69.

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