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Senate Resolution #2915

TITLE: Advocacy for University of Wyoming Fall Break

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1. WHEREAS, the purpose of the Associated Students of the University of Wyoming
2. (ASUW) is to serve our fellow students in the best manner possible; and,
3. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming Academic Calendar for Fall 2023 shows no
4. fall break and only the second Monday in October for future fall breaks; and,
5. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming Academic Calendar only shows a three day
6. break for Thanksgiving to include Thanksgiving Thursday and both the Wednesday and
7. Friday before and after Thanksgiving; and,
8. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming Administrative Calendar only shows a two day
9. break for Thanksgiving and the following Friday thus reflecting a confusing discrepancy
10. and an operational reduction in student break time; and,
11. WHEREAS, the University of Wyoming fall break offerings, not counting national
12. holidays such as Labor Day and Veterans Day, for Fall 2023 operationally sits at 2 days
13. around Thanksgiving Break, which is well below the average offerings by comparative
14. universities as expressed in Addendum A, and that even an extension to 3 days in future
15. Academic Calendars still falls below average; and,
16. WHEREAS, while further empirical research is required, preliminary research indicates
17. that Fall Break reduces stress among students as represented in the References page as

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Addendum A – Peer University Comparisons

Peer University	Fall Semester Dates	Total Break Days	Fall Break	Thanksgiving Break
University of Nebraska	8/21 - 12/15	5	Yes, two days, second Monday and Tuesday of October	Yes, three days, Wednesday-Friday
Colorado State University	8/21 - 12/15	5	No, see Thanksgiving	Yes, Monday-Friday
CU Boulder	8/28 - 12/20	5	No, see Thanksgiving	Yes, Monday-Friday
University of Nevada	8/28 - 12/20	3	Yes, one day, last Friday in October	Yes, Thursday-Friday
Montana State University	8/23 - 12/15	5	No, see Thanksgiving	Yes, Monday-Friday
University of Montana	8/28 - 12/15	3	No, see Thanksgiving	Yes, Wednesday-Friday
University of New Mexico	8/21 - 12/15	4	Yes, two days, second Thursday and Friday of October	Yes, Thursday-Friday
New Mexico State	8/15 - 12/8	6	Yes, one day, second Monday of October	Yes, Monday-Friday
Iowa State University	8/21 - 12/15	5	No, see Thanksgiving	Yes, Monday-Friday
Utah State University	8/28 - 12/15	4	Yes, one day, third Friday of October	Yes, Wednesday-Friday
Casper College	8/21 - 12/15	5	Yes, two days, third Monday and Tuesday of October	Yes, Wednesday-Friday
University of Wyoming	8/28 - 12/15	2	No, see Thanksgiving	Yes, Thursday-Friday