

# Queen's University

## Fall Term Break Consultation Session

**The Fall Term Break Task Force was established by Senate in April 2016 and was asked to:**

- Create recommendations for the implementation of a Fall term break at Queen's;
- Conduct broad consultation with Queen's students and other interested and affected members of the Queen's community; and
- Report back to the Principal not later than February 2017 with a comprehensive recommendation.

## **Queen's Fall term is currently structured as follows:**

- Residence move-in day is on Sunday.
- Orientation activities take place from Labour Day Monday to the following Saturday.
- Classes begin on the next Monday and run for 12 weeks.
- A pre-exam study period runs for four days, after which Fall term exams are held.

- A number of factors prevent Queen's from starting orientation activities before Labour Day weekend.
- In some years, the Fall term exam period runs up to and including December 23.

*Because of these two factors, dates for a Fall term break need to be taken from current dates within the Fall term, such as the orientation period and/or pre-exam study period.*

## Discussion questions:

1. How would you rank the importance of a Fall term break, orientation activities, and pre-exam study days against one another?
2. How would you take the current eleven days with no classes (orientation uses seven days and the pre-exam period uses four days) and reallocate them to incorporate a Fall term break?
3. When would you like to have a Fall term break?
4. What do you think about running orientation activities in the evenings with classes during the day?

## How else can you provide your feedback to the Task Force?

- Complete the survey at <http://queensu.fluidsurveys.com/s/FTB/> .

**Follow-up feedback or questions?**

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