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.fluids-surveys.com/s/FTB/.
Follow-up feedback or questions?
Email senate@queensu.ca