

Faculty Senate

Draft Resolution
November 16, 2021



MICHIGAN STATE
UNIVERSITY

- Whereas,* Classes are cancelled during Thanksgiving and the Friday after Thanksgiving and,
- Whereas,* The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel days of the year; and,
- Whereas,* Students may take advantage of travelling back home during the Thanksgiving holiday the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving, and,
- Whereas,* Classes are not cancelled the Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday which may cause difficulty for students to travel back home; and,
- Whereas,* Instruction should still continue on Wednesday as it is designated as an instruction day on the Academic Calendar; therefore be it,
- Resolved,* That Faculty Senate endorse the recommendations to accommodate undergraduate students for the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving:
- Survey undergraduate student plans for the Thanksgiving holiday;
 - Continue normal instruction and excusing undergraduate student absences to have no effect on their grade the Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday;
 - Change the modality of instruction to a synchronous virtual format on the Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday; and/or,
 - Change the modality of instruction to an asynchronous virtual format on the Wednesday prior to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Resolved,* That these recommendations are to be determined by individual faculty members and are not a mandate or change in University policy.