

University Senate

Proposed: December 15, 2016

Adopted: December 15, 2016

by voice vote: 50 in favor, 3 abstentions

**RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE  
WEDNESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING AS AN ACADEMIC HOLIDAY  
STARTING IN 2017**

WHEREAS, many Columbia students come to the university from distant places; and

WHEREAS, many students wish to spend the Thanksgiving holidays at home; and

WHEREAS, those students who must travel a long way are forced to choose between attending class the day before Thanksgiving and going home; and

WHEREAS, it is also a hardship to hold a class session that few students attend; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the day before Thanksgiving as an academic holiday is endorsed by the University Registrar;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that starting in 2017, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving be established as an academic holiday.

Proponent:

Education Committee

Student Affairs Committee