Fall Reading Week Update

Presented to Students’ Council by Colten Yamagishi
Presentation Outline

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Facts

- 2 instructional days will be given up and school will start on the Tuesday instead of the Wednesday (no Orientation on the Tuesday)

- 9 Day Green and Gold week

- Engineering classes will not be a part of the FRW (accreditation discussion)

- FRW programming
Facts – Why?

- Mental health
- Catch up on school
- Attend supplementary programs
- Make some money
- Go on holidays
History – In Dehod We Trust

- In 2010 Presidential Candidate Nick Dehod campaigned on the promise of implementing a Fall Reading Week for students at the UofA.
- Research was conducted on a variety of topics pertaining to the creation of the FRW including mental health, logistical scheduling concerns, and comparative data from Canadian universities.
History – Dehod cont.

- Nick facilitated discussions with the university community including members such as Associate Deans, Senior Admin, students, and more.
- The FRW was brought up in the Undergraduate Student Survey and a plebiscite on the FRW was held in the 2011 SU Executive Elections.
Plebiscite Results

- **YES** (56%)
  - Prefer status quo (16%)
  - Need to work the extra week (6%)
  - Need the vacation time (1%)
  - Other (4%)

- **NO** (27%)

- **NO OPINION** (17%)

- **YES** (55%)

- **NO** (45%)

- **NO OPINION** (<1%)
History – FRW Task Force and that Tighe guy

- Diverse membership
- Bi-weekly meetings held from May-August
- Task force was created to make a recommendation to university governance
- Task force is complete and Rory takes the proposal on the road
FRW proposal takes some time to delve into the fine details and eventually goes to Deans’ Council for consultation.

Things get a bit hairy and FRW is delayed from going to GFC.

Rory conducts 1-on-1 meetings about the FRW with every dean.

SU Council approves an FRW political policy.
Update

- FRW discussions have been rehashed and we will conduct new consultations on the proposal this summer.
- Discussions began in June and we have received a large amount of support from Senior Admin.
- Timeline: Sept/Oct university governance routing, October GFC, December BOG.
How can you help?

- GFC positions filled
- Run or convince your friends
- Time commitment is low
- Support the idea and talk to your FA’s for backup
- Inform students about the proposal
Questions?