

Student Senate Resolution 2005-1: May Term

Whereas, Illinois Wesleyan University distinguishes and advertises itself as an institution with a 4-4-1 academic calendar; and

Whereas, Illinois Wesleyan University presents the calendar in this manner to prospective and current students alike; and

Recognizing, that this approach to the academic calendar has attracted students who desire to utilize May Term opportunities; and further

Recognizing, that this development has created a student body whose expectations regarding May Term diverge from its original purpose of solely intensive study to one that is also able to fulfill general education and major requirements; and

Observing, that the structure of many majors and pre-professional programs (other than Physics, which has a required course during May Term) implicitly expects that students must take a May Term (some examples being Pre-Engineering and CPA Accounting that cannot fulfill program requirements without overloading or taking additional May Terms); and

Whereas, Students are concerned with the decrease of 27 May Term courses this year alone, leaving almost a quarter of the student body without a May Term, and are troubled that a further decrease is projected for next year; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Illinois Wesleyan University uphold the 4-4-1 academic calendar for all students with both general education requirements and course offerings in every major during May Term; and be it

Resolved, That Illinois Wesleyan University, in keeping with the recently established strategic goals of Identity, Teaching and Learning, and Human Resources, take the appropriate steps to ensure that May Term retains its place of importance in students' academic schedules.