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To all day students,

The Administrators of SLCC have given much thought to the Fall 2020 day semester, with two primary concerns being at the forefront of our minds: health/safety issues and student learning. Furthermore, we are considering the possibility of COVID-19 becoming an issue when cold weather returns. With these issues in mind, we have decided to make the following changes to the Fall 2020 Day Schedule:

(1) We will start the semester two weeks early and complete the semester the week prior to Thanksgiving.
   - New Student Orientation/Move-In Weekend .................................................. August 1-2
   - Returning Student Registration ................................................................. August 3
   - First Day of Classes ..................................................................................... August 3
   - Last Day of Classes ..................................................................................... November 16
   - Final Examinations ...................................................................................... November 16-18
   - ICOM (Indianapolis) ..................................................................................... November 19-22

(2) We will break the semester into two modules, each 8 weeks in length. Your semester course load will be divided between the two modules.

(3) We will also cancel Fall Break, but will give those two days of break elsewhere in the schedule.

The reasoning is as follows:
   - Moving the semester forward two weeks results in two weeks of warm weather, and in theory, a healthier environment.
   - In the event that we have to send students home at some point, the belief is that it would occur when cold weather moves in --- during the second module. This would mean that half of the courses would already be complete. Thus, if a disruption occurs, it would not be as major (would only impact half of the courses).
   - We are trying our best to maintain a healthy campus. Sending students home at both Fall Break and Thanksgiving Break could expose people to ill friends/family.

As a nice benefit, the change of schedule will give students a 7-week Christmas break. We know that change can be difficult for some, but we’re in this together to make the best of a difficult situation. We’re looking forward to seeing you back soon!

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