Quality of Life Committee

Consideration of a revised Holiday Calendar

The Quality of Life Committee met on Friday, October 30, 2015, with the primary purpose of discussing a revision/expansion of the university holiday calendar. Due to the vast number of potential holidays, the committee recommends that no formal calendar be created. Instead, working with the Student Government Association, student organizations can request to have their traditional holidays/holy days “recognized” by placing them on Florida Tech’s events calendar. This recognition would be for notification purposes only and will not necessitate action from anyone.

Furthermore, it is requested that the Faculty Senate consider a holiday-observance request process. Students wishing to miss class or assigned work for this reason would be required to disclose their wish within a reasonable amount of time at the beginning of the semester. If the faculty member is willing, he/she can arrange to accommodate any missed work. Statements would need to be added to course syllabi explaining this process, and it should be made clear that faculty have the final authority in the decision-making process.