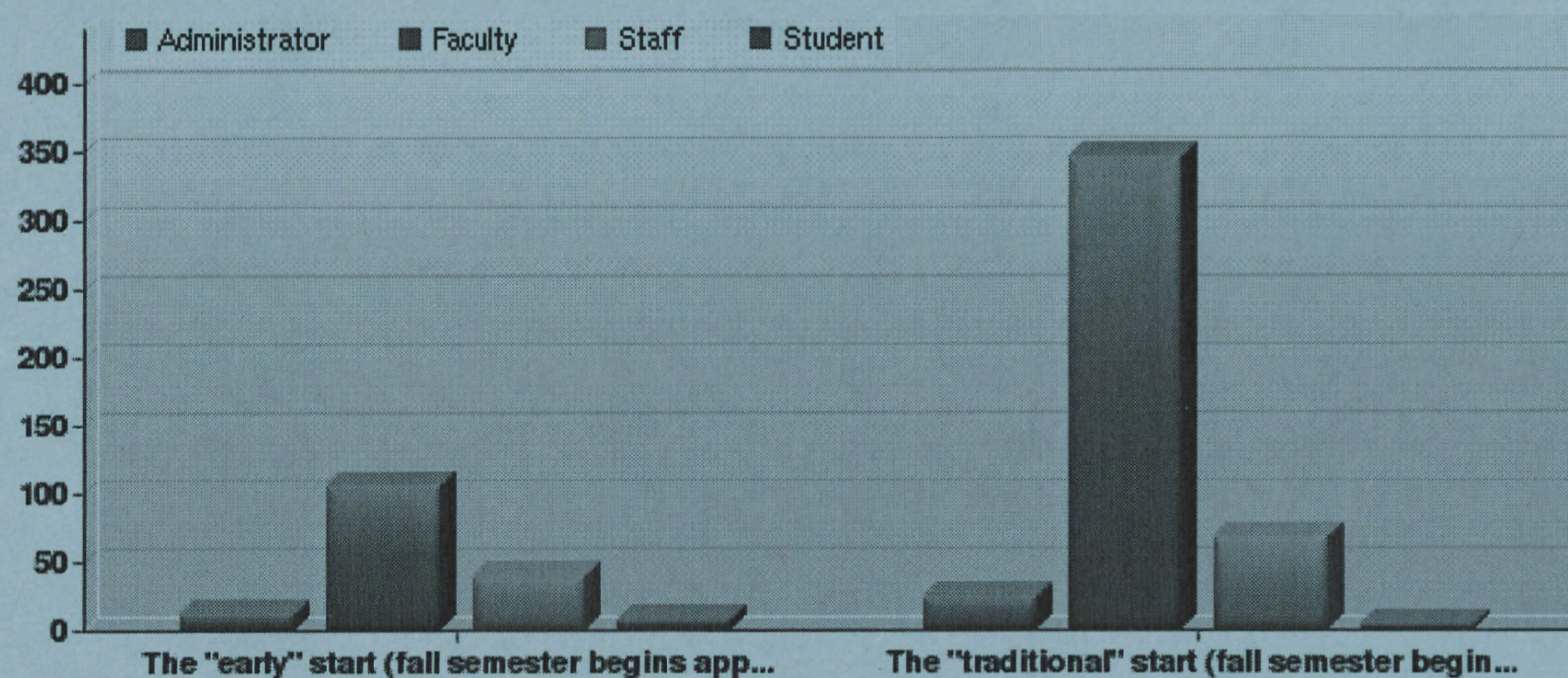


## Results of Calendar Committee Survey

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1. Every year the East Carolina University Calendar Committee is charged with creating the academic calendar for a future academic year. Although many things are not flexible, the week that we begin the fall academic semester could vary. Please review the two sample calendars that were sent to you, and indicate your thoughts regarding the two weeks we could potentially begin classes. Please remember, the only change being considered is the week we begin (not the day of the week).

2. In general, which calendar do you prefer?



#	Answer	Administrator	Faculty	Staff	Student	Total
1	The "early" start (fall semester begins approximately two weeks after the end of summer exams - August 15 in the sample provided)	12 (34%)	107 (24%)	41 (37%)	8 (66%)	168 (27%)
2	The "traditional" start (fall semester begins approximately three weeks after the end of summer exams - August 21 in the sample provided)	24 (66%)	346 (76%)	69 (63%)	4 (34%)	443 (73%)
	Total	36	453	110	12	611

### 3. If you prefer the "early" start, why? (Select all that apply)

#	Answer	Administrator	Faculty	Staff	Student
1	I like a longer winter break	6	105	35	8
2	Two weeks between 2nd summer and fall is enough time off	5	51	17	4
3	I find it difficult/undesirable to post my final grades on the Saturday after graduation	1	13	0	0
4	I need to meet with students prior to their working in the community	1	3	1	0
5	It makes processing end of semester operations/paperwork easier	5	31	15	0
6	It provides more opportunities to schedule student recitals and/or performances	2	6	1	0
7	Other, please describe below	4	14	7	0
	Total	24	223	76	12

#### Administrator

Other, please describe below

This makes absolutely NO sense from an economic/ environmental perspective, having the University open in the heat of the summer. And it is bad for research.

It provides more time to prepare our facilities for spring term.

I don't get these breaks off, but my husband who teaches does- and I tend to use leave time for when he already has breaks. I would rather have the extra time at Christmas. I prefer more free time in December to prepare for Christmas, to celebrate with family, and to relax. That is easier to do when I know faculty are off campus and work isn't piling up while I'm away.

It aligns better with Public School start dates - for student teachers

#### Faculty

Other, please describe below

August is hot, I'd rather be teaching.

Not sure I have a preference

It gives the continuing students an opportunity to work over break and graduating students an opportunity to be ready to start a new job before everyone is gone and cannot train them.

Could be good option, if students are allowed to finish before even Thanksgiving (which is not feasible).

It is much better to not back the semester up so close against the Christmas holiday.

The heat, and starting later keeps us in sync with the rest of the country's calendar, including conferences, etc

It provides more time for research work during the winter break.

gets practicum students into the fieldl earlier

gives students more time to work outside of class so they are more focused during class time

More planning time for spring classes

Makes hiring GAs easier

Fall Break falls at a time when I would test under the "traditional" start.

#### Staff

Other, please describe below

It is also more helpful for most non-traditional students, most of whom are working, studying for finals, and taking care of a family, with little more than a week before the holidays.

It provides the students time to get started with classes before the first day off.

If you start early registration is early in the month.

adhears more closey to the medical school academic calendar thefore processes aren't duplicated (billing, registration, etc).

So I can take my own kids to school their first day.

I need more time to complete winter inspections.

more time for holidays

#### Student

Other, please describe below

Statistic	Administrator	Faculty	Staff	Student
Total Responses	12	118	45	8

#### 4. If you prefer the "traditional" start, why? (Select all that apply)

#	Answer	Administrator	Faculty	Staff	Student
1	I like a longer summer break	13	227	40	2
2	Three weeks between 2nd summer and fall allows me to get ready for the academic term	20	215	41	4
3	I find it difficult to return to work full time before my children return to school	5	143	14	1
4	There are not enough class-meeting opportunities after Thanksgiving if we start/end earlier	9	156	14	1
5	Other, please describe below	6	56	11	0
	Total	53	797	120	8

##### Administrator

Other, please describe below

The traditional start provides those of us who do programs/activities with more weeks later in the term to use.

I work in the College of Education and serving nontraditional students who are often teacher assistants. The tradational calendar allows them a 3 week summer vacation but if ECU goes to the early start they will have no benefit since during that time off in December they are working in the schools. This would also apply to students in all education graduate programs who are working on advanced degrees. They need the 3 weeks to be ready to begin in the fall. The traditional calendar serves the student I teach much better than the early start calendar. It really makes no difference to me personally but it will to the students I serve.

from a tuition billing perspective, student accounting will be "hard pressed" to complete all year end and billing tasks.

The end of orientation and the start of school give us little break

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Research in summer!

##### Faculty

Other, please describe below

coincides with children's school start, allows us a family vacation in August

more consistent with public schools

A longer summer break allow me to do more research and writing.

I would like to know why we don't recognize veterans day when we recognize every other holiday under the sun. This is an insult to the veterans and active duty personnel that have to watch while ECU attempts to portray itself as being pro-military

Those who teach or work both summer sessions need a little summer vacation time

Provides students with the opportunity to work an additional week and it proivdes employers of students the benefit of contiued employment of experience employees.

More time for summer field work and research.

My discipline's premier professional meetings occur in mid-August.

Greenville in August is often too hot to be productive.

my annual professional conference would conflict with the beginning of classes

I collaborate with highschool principals, teachers, etc. I need to be in sync with their system.

Do away with breaks altogether

My other professional work often extends into that time period. If I teach at a summer program elsewhere, as I often do, I am unable to complete the entire job.

Not sure I have a preference

Need for Music concerts in December.

Students need the additional work time.

mid august is too hot

Students will hate it.

The increase in winter time can come at expense of making summer too intensive.

Please could we start AFTER LABOR DAY, and STAY LATER in December!

The summer is not a "break" but valuable research and conference time! I reject the premise of the first point!

The summer heat in Greenville in August is NOT FUN & I would prefer to have a break from it in August to escape to work in a cooler location !!!!!

The current winter break is adequate

This schedule matches my wife's academic schedule more closely.

Many of the class rooms are too hot in the summer.

What is the advantage of strating in mid-August? August is the only time some of us who teach summer school get for a family vacation. Please do not start in mid-August. We had to fight the public schools to get the start date moved back.

The early start makes it very difficult to attend summer conferences. Even the "later" start is much earlier than other jurisdictions and it creates problems for conference attendance.

Since I get no break between spring and summer session and work both summer sessions, I need a break from teaching.

In North Carolina, we have hot summers and mild winters. Utility costs for operation of the University will be much higher in August than early December.

The students need a longer break after having completed summer school.

I conduct my fieldwork overseas in the summer. Typically, I cannot return to Greenville before 10 August.

The third item has huge ramifications because there are few childcare/camp options in August.

I do research in the summer. This is seasonal work.

need grandchild to be in school before return to school

Summer research needs

Allows time for new faculty orientations

More conducive to research in summer

The longer summer break provides more time for facculty to do off-campus research -- esepcialy when those faculty are collaborating with reseracher at other universities (inside and out of NC) -- most other universities have a later start.

also prefer Fall semester classes to start on Wednesday instead of Tuesday

I thought that NC tourism was asking all educational institutions to push back the start date to AFTER Labor Day so they can have workers and gain profit. This seems reasonable. Is this not the case?

we work all summer for orientations so we need those few weeks in August as a break!

allows research collaboration with colleagues on the traditional schedule (at other universities)

Most national and international conferences presume that the University calendar begins after Labor Day! The first choice is misleading: we don't like the summer because it is a "break" but because it is when we can get our RESEARCH done!

I teach in a 12 month program. Our students need some time between the end of summer and beginning of fall closer match to children's school calendar

Faculty contract may soon begin on August 16th. A traditional start would give departments time for retreats for planning and assessment.

My wife is a public school teacher; we like our summer schedules to overlap as much as possible.

Need time to shop for children the week before they start school, and not start my semester then

Students "check out" after Thanksgiving break.

Our program does summer activities that will be extremely difficult to schedule if classes start earlier

More consistent with my colleagues in the field, which makes collaboration and conference attendance easier.

the traditional calendar has roughly three weeks of break before and after the fall semester; the early start would have a two week break before the fall and a four week break between fall and spring

National conferences in my field take place early to middle August on an annual basis

August 21 is still a fairly early start as far as the summer goes, and summer is the best time to do research, for me, anyway, so a longer summer is preferred.

Need the travel time to visit daughter in Europe

#### Staff

Other, please describe below

N/A

Early start would conflict with current programs and staff training

Longer summer provides more time for Facilities Services related work that is crucial being prepared for the fall semester.

The weeks with no classes at all are extremely important for us in terms of planning facilities work projects.

I am staff and a student, I need the extra time.

The longer summer allows facilities to complete repairs prior to students returning full time. Summer work is key to the maintaining the universities infrastructure. Summer camps have to be worked around in housing but still allows major work to be accomplished that cannot be accomplished during the academic year.

Allows for more campus maintenance with out students on campus

I am thinking about the students; they would prefer a longer break to get settled (moving, etc.) and to prepare (paperwork, etc) for the new semester.

Summer schedule

with orientation going later each year it is hard for everyone to get their vacation in before time to start up for fall

#### Student

Other, please describe below

Statistic	Administrator	Faculty	Staff	Student
Total Responses	25	351	67	4

## 5. Please indicate your status.

#	Answer	Administrator	Faculty	Staff	Student
4	Administrator	36	0	0	0
1	Faculty	0	462	0	0
2	Staff	0	0	112	0
3	Student	0	0	0	12
	Total	36	462	112	12