Working Group on the Two Week Spring Break

**Summary Recommendations.** The working group recommends the Senate adopt the following Resolution.

“A joint task-force of members of the administration and the faculty should be formed in April, 2015 to create, refine and then study a proposal for a Spring Activities Period (SAP). If the proposal calls for the program to commence in Spring, 2018, then a final Senate vote authorizing such a Period should occur no later than the January, 2016 Senate meeting. The following are necessary antecedents to that vote:

(i) The proposal should be detailed, with a clear rationale for the pedagogical value of the bulk of the proposed activities;

(ii) The proposal should contain a budget sketch outlining anticipated types of programs and their expenses;

(iii) By December, 2015, the Senate should have concluded the process of deciding if such a program will be a graduation requirement;

(iv) By December, 2015, the Senate should have concluded the process of revising the end-of-term policies and practices so as to allow Commencement exercises to follow quickly after the conclusion of Final Exam period;

(v) By December, 2015, the task force should provide a plan for activities during Spring Break 2017 that involve about one thousand undergraduates.”