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Dear University Community:

At the request of President Ferrini-Mundy, we explored how to further meet our community's psychological, academic, and social needs in the spring 2021 semester.

A guiding principle was to ensure enough time for decompression, rest, and re-centering while also avoiding extended breaks that would encourage mass exodus from campus. To assist in meeting this goal, and with the President's support, we will be implementing two Reading Days for the spring semester academic calendar.

The current schedule already has three days off: Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>; Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>; and Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The two additional Reading Days will be Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. These days are meant to remain free of new assignments so as to provide time for students to pursue academic work which is most appropriate for them or to take the time off if this is what they need most.

Therefore, the five days when no classes will be held for the spring 2021 semester are as follows:

- Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day)
- Tuesday, March 23 (Reading Day)
- Wednesday, March 24 (March Mini-Break)
- Thursday, April 15 (Reading Day)
- Wednesday, April 28 (Maine Day - Service/Reading Day)

We wish you a productive and healthy spring semester.

Sincerely,

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