

RESOLUTION 12/13/16

DELAYING CLASS FOR THE TOTAL ECLIPSE

BY: Kansas State University Faculty Senate WHEREAS, There will be a total eclipse of the sun on Monday, August 21, 2017 in northeast Kansas (see attached page for path of totality), and WHEREAS, This will be the only total eclipse in Kansas during this century, and Total eclipses are an awe inspiring experience, and WHEREAS, Total eclipses have played a significant role in history, and WHEREAS, August 21, 2017 is currently scheduled to be the first day of classes, and WHEREAS, Our calendar has more class days than required, and WHEREAS, WHEREAS Students, faculty, and staff should be encouraged to see the eclipse, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

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SECTION 1. The Faculty Senate requests that the Provost ask the Board of Regents to delay the start of classes for Kansas State University until 4:30 pm on August 21, 2017.

We recognize educational opportunities exist outside of the classroom

SECTION 2. The University should provide opportunities for students to be able to experience the eclipse, including instruction in the scientific and social importance of this phenomenon throughout history.

SECTION 3. Supervisors should be encouraged to allow faculty and staff to take time off to view the eclipse, using vacation leave or compensatory time.

SECTION 4. Upon passage this resolution shall be sent to University President Richard Myers and Provost and Senior Vice President April Mason.

Andrew G. Bennett

Date

12/13/2016

Faculty Senate President, 2016-2017