

Motion regarding JMU closure during scheduled teaching breaks  
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Whereas, for many years James Madison University has closed during fall Thanksgiving break, the holiday break between semesters, and Spring break, and

Whereas, faculty scholarly research does not cease when students depart, and resume when they return, but moves forward continuously regardless of student absence and holiday schedules, and

Whereas, the faculty's scholarly research is as important as its teaching responsibilities, and

Whereas, the university's closures hamper faculty research by rendering inaccessible needed personnel support and especially library resources,

Be it resolved by the Faculty Senate of James Madison University:

- 1) that the university should remain open during these holiday breaks, closing on days immediately surrounding major holidays only, and
- 2) that should the university wish not to retain its entire staff during holiday breaks, it could designate a skeleton staff to keep open JMU Libraries.