

## ATTACHMENT 5

**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
- WHEREAS,** 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** Students, faculty, and staff should be encouraged to see the eclipse, and
- WHEREAS** We recognize educational opportunities exist outside of the classroom

### **BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

- 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.
- 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.

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