

AMHERST COLLEGE Department of Classics

To: The Committee on Educational Policy, The Committee of Six

From: The Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate the January Term

Re: Final Committee Report

Dear Colleagues,

May 1, 2022

The Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate the January Term has completed its report (attached). As you can see from it, we are not proposing that a motion concerning J-Term should be brought before the faculty at this time. We have extensively surveyed the faculty, staff, and student body, and are eager to inform the community of our findings and get feedback on possible next steps.

We have outlined the many benefits, costs, and complexities of a potential J-term. We sincerely hope that this report and the considerable work we put into it will guide future conversations and deliberations. Please do not hesitate to be in touch if you have further questions or if there are matters that members of the committee can elucidate via email or zoom.

Sincerely,

Chris van den Berg (on behalf of J-Comm, The Ad Hoc Committee To Evaluate the January Term)

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