The faculty will recommend to the Board of Trustees that a student take (the equivalent of) 35 courses to graduate and a full-time faculty member teach (the equivalent of) 6 courses per year. To accomplish this change, the faculty will recommend that Augustana College adopt a 4-1-4 academic calendar.

A "yes" vote means we are recommending the following:

* The 4-1-4 calendar will have two 14-week semesters plus one week each for final exams. The Fall semester will typically begin early September. The Spring semester will begin late January/early February and finish in May.
* The 4-1-4 calendar will have one "J" term approximately 3.5 weeks in length, scheduled to begin after the new calendar year and end before the start of the "Spring" semester.
* To graduate, students will need to successfully complete a minimum of 137 credits.
* Students will be required to take 2 "J" terms, but may take more.
* Standard courses will carry 4 credits but some courses could be organized as 1-credit; 2-credits; or 3-credits.
* A standard 4 credit course will meet for 60 minutes MWF and 90 min on TuTh during the semester. “J” term courses will be approximately 110-150 minutes in length.
* Majors will represent the same percentage of total coursework as they do on our current calendar. As a guiding principle, the curriculum will be organized approximately in thirds, 33% General Education; 33% Major requirements; 33% Other Student Choices.
* Department and General education curriculum that have been proposed and presented to the faculty represent the general framework or footprint of the new curriculum. The details of the curriculum will be worked on during the 4 year implementation phase of this proposal if approved.
* Faculty will be expected to teach one "J" term every other year. Exceptions to that pattern will be granted only in certain special circumstances such as program size, department size, and external accreditation requirements.