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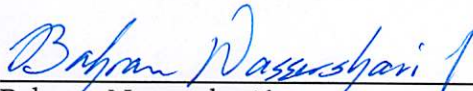
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TO: President David Dooley
FROM: Bahram Nassersharif, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL titled, Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #2014-15-3, is forwarded for your consideration.
2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on February 19, 2015.
3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective March 12, 2015 three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.



Bahram Nassersharif
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

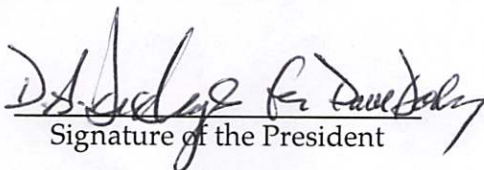
February 20, 2015

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

- a. Approved .
- b. Approved subject to Notice to the Board of Education ____.
- c. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Education ____.
- d. Disapproved ____.


Signature of the President

2/20/15
(date)

Academic Standards & Calendar Committee
Report # 2014-15-3
16 February 2015

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee met on 5 February 2015 to consider a late-January request from the Provost to modify the Spring 2015 Calendar based on missed snow days.

As of 16 February, classes have been cancelled on three Monday evenings, two Monday days, one Tuesday, and one Wednesday due to adverse weather events. Many of the courses that have missed days have been able to keep up with their schedules by using online spaces. The majority of courses are on track. However, the committee recognizes that not all classes can be sustained in an online environment, and that Monday-only evening classes have been deeply affected, having not yet met.

The proposal stemming from the 5 February meeting included an invitation to faculty to use President's Day as an optional Monday makeup day, and a proposal to make up any *additional* missed snow days on Thursday, 30 April and Friday, 1 May.

Because of an additional closure on Monday, 9 February (after the committee met, but before Faculty Senate met), the committee revised the proposal, proposing making up a Monday with the 30 April make-up day scheduled into the calendar.

The provost approved using Thursday, 30 April as a Monday make-up day, and announced that change. The provost then asked the committee to revise its previous proposals and find a way to propose making up at least three days.

The committee discussed various options via email and agreed (all voting in favor but one) to approve the following proposal, which adds days without changing the published exam schedule:

Modified Spring 2015 Calendar

The committee proposes the following, which makes up 3 full days and an additional Monday evening:

- Make **Friday, 6 March** and **Friday, 27 March** as make-up days for **Monday evening** classes starting at or after 4pm.
- Extend the last day of classes from **Wednesday, 29 April** to **Thursday, 30 April**
- Make **Thursday, 30 April** a **Monday** meeting schedule. (Note: 30 April is already approved in the calendar as a make-up day and this change has already been approved and announced. We include it here for clarity, not for approval.)
- Use **Friday, 1 May** as Reading Day
- Maintain the exam period as originally scheduled.