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## Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #1996-97-2: Revised Calendar for Fall 1997

University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate

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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island  
FACULTY SENATE  
BILL  
Adopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Robert L. Carothers  
FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar  
Committee Report #1996-97-2: Revised Calendar for Fall 1997 ,  
is forwarded for your consideration.
2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on March 27,  
1997.
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval  
or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of  
Governors, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws,  
this bill will become effective April 17, 1997 , three weeks  
after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation  
are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you  
forward it to the Board of Governors for their approval; or (4) the  
University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is  
forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective  
until approved by the Board.

March 28, 1997  
(date)

James G. Kowalski  
James G. Kowalski  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate  
FROM: President of the University

Returned.

- a. Approved  .
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_.

4.1.97  
(date)

Robert L. Carothers  
President

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND CALENDAR COMMITTEE  
REPORT #1996-97-2  
REVISED CALENDAR FOR FALL 1997

**Background and Rationale:**

At the request of Dr. M. Beverly Swan, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Academic Standards and Calendar Committee reviewed the approved calendar for Fall 1997. The Provost specifically asked that the Tuesday after Labor Day be designated as an advising day and that classes begin on Wednesday, consistent with section 8.70.21 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL. Provost Swan said that the problems associated with beginning on the Tuesday after Labor Day in fall semester 1996 "have proved to be significant. Among the problems which surfaced were:

- Serious student confusion because of the absence of an advising day. This omission not only affected new transfer students and those freshmen who were unable to make summer orientation, but also affected many other freshmen and continuing students who still had last minute scheduling adjustments to make.
- Significant student absences from class because of their need to contact professors in order to make these last minute adjustments to their schedules."

**Recommendation:**

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the calendar for fall 1997 be amended consistent with section 8.70.21 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL by beginning classes on Wednesday, September 3, 1997:

**PROPOSED REVISED FALL SEMESTER, 1997**

September 1, Monday	Holiday, Labor Day, classes do not meet
September 2, Tuesday	Advising Day, classes do not meet
September 3, Wednesday	Classes begin, Kingston Campus and CCE
October 13, Monday	Holiday, Columbus Day, classes do not meet
October 15, Wednesday	Monday classes meet
October 22, Wednesday	Midsemester
November 11, Tuesday	Holiday, Veteran's Day, classes do not meet
November 27, Thursday	Thanksgiving recess begins, 8:00 AM
December 1, Monday	Classes resume, 8:00 AM
December 12, Friday	Classes end, Kingston Campus and CCE
December 13, Saturday	Reading Day
December 15-20, Monday-Saturday	
December 23, Tuesday	Final Examinations, Kingston Campus and CCE Final Grades due in Office of the Registrar, 4:00 PM
December 25, Thursday	Holiday, Christmas
January 1, Thursday	Holiday, New Year's Day