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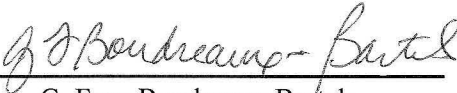
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TO: President Robert L. Carothers

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Academic Standards and Calendar Committee Report #04-05-3: Proposed University Calendars for 2005-06 through 2010-11, 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 24, 2005.
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 14, 2005 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, 2005
(date)


G. Faye Boudreaux-Bartels
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

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

5/9/05
(date)


President

Academic Standards and Calendar Committee
Report #2004-05-3
University Calendars for 2005-06 through 2010-11

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee has reconsidered the six-year calendar in response to issues raised this year about the current (04-05) calendar. Among the concerns were the late date (December 23rd) for the last day of final exams, Saturday exams this spring, and the need for a snow make-up date for final exams in December. In reconsideration, the committee also took the parameters for the calendar specified in sections 8.60.10-40 of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL.

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee has included two calendars in this report, one with equal-length semesters, the other, using the pattern of longer spring semesters (unequal semesters). Additional information is provided about the similarities and differences between the two calendars, as well as the necessary "hardships" associated with each because there are physical limitations of time.

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends the Faculty Senate approve the Equal Semesters Calendars

Equal Semesters Calendar

12 Equal Semesters Include

- 2 semesters with fall Advising Day before Labor Day (2008, 2010)
- 1 semester with classes on Columbus Day (2009)
- 1 semester with classes on Election Day (2010)
- 2 semesters with classes on Veteran's Day (2005, 2006)
- 1 semester with Saturday finals (2009)
- 1 semester with classes on Washington's Birthday (2008)
- 1 semester with only one weekday Reading Day (2009)
- 1 semester with unequal class days (2010)

Academic Calendar
(Equal Fall/Spring Semesters)

Academic Year	Fall Class Days & Weeks	Spring Class Days & Weeks	Total Instruction Weeks* for Year	Notes
2005-2006	13 M thru F 16 weeks 2 reading days	13 M thru F 15 weeks 2 reading days	31	Fall: 13 Fridays possible by holding classes on Veteran's Day (11/11).
2006-2007	13 M thru F 16 weeks 2 reading days	13 M thru F 15 weeks 2 reading days	31	Fall: 13 Mondays possible by holding classes on Veteran's Day (11/13).
2007-2008	13 M thru F 16 weeks 2 reading days	13 M thru F 15 weeks 2 reading days	31	Spring: 13 Mondays possible by holding classes on Washington's Birthday (2/18).
2008-2009	13 M thru F 16 weeks 2 reading days	13 M thru F 15 weeks 2 reading days	31	Fall: 13 Tuesdays possible by scheduling Advising Day on Aug. 29 th (8/29).
2009-2010	13 M thru F 15 weeks 1 reading day	13 M thru F 15 weeks 2 reading days	30	Fall: 13 Mondays possible by holding classes on Columbus Day (10/12). Sat. final exam (12/19).
2010-2011	13 M thru Tr, 12 F 16 weeks 2 reading days	13 M thru F 15 weeks 2 reading days	31	Fall: 13 Tuesdays possible by scheduling Advising Day on Sept. 3 rd (9/3) and holding classes on Election Day (11/2). Two weekday Reading Days possible by holding classes on 12 Fridays.

* Any period of 7 consecutive days with at least one class day, reading day or Final Exam day.

**Calendar for Academic years 2005-2006 through 2010-2011
(Fall/Spring Equal Lengths after 2005)**

Note: enlarged bold type denotes a change from the calendar approved on 4/29/04, or new information on class days and instruction weeks.

FALL	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Labor Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	Sep. 5	Sep. 4	Sep. 3	Sep. 1	Sep. 7	Sep. 6
Advising Day	Sep. 6	Sep. 5	Sep. 4	Aug. 29	Sep. 8	Sep. 3
Classes begin	Sep. 7	Sep. 6	Sep. 5	Sep. 2	Sep. 9	Sep. 7
Last day to drop "Early Drop" courses	Sep. 16	Sep. 15	Sep. 14	Sep. 12	Sep. 18	Sep. 16
Last day to ADD and to ADD Pass/Fail Option	Sep. 20	Sep. 19	Sep. 18	Sep. 16	Sep. 22	Sep. 20
Columbus Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	Oct. 10	Oct. 9	Oct. 8	Oct. 13	NA	Oct. 11
Monday classes meet	Wed. Oct. 12	NA	Wed. Oct. 10	NA	NA	Tues. Oct. 12
Mid-semester	Oct. 24	Oct. 23	Oct. 22	Oct. 22	Oct. 26	Oct. 25
Last day to CHANGE from Pass/Fail Option	Oct. 24	Oct. 23	Oct. 22	Oct. 22	Oct. 26	Oct. 25
Midterm grades for freshmen due in Registrar's Office	Oct. 25	Oct. 24	Oct. 23	Oct. 23	Oct. 27	Oct. 26
Election Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	NA	Nov. 7	NA	Nov. 4	NA	NA
Last day for students to DROP courses	Nov. 1	Oct. 31	Oct. 30	Oct. 29	Nov. 2	Nov. 3
Thursday classes meet	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Wed. Nov. 10
Veteran's Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	NA	NA	Nov. 12	Nov. 11	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Tuesday classes meet	NA	Wed. Nov 8	NA	Wed. Nov 12	NA	NA
Thanksgiving Recess, classes do not meet	Nov. 24-27	Nov. 23-26	Nov. 22-25	Nov. 27-30	Nov. 28-29	Nov. 25-28
Classes end	Dec. 9	Dec. 11	Dec. 10	Dec. 8	Dec. 11	Dec. 9
Reading days	Dec. 12-13	Dec. 12-13	Dec. 11-12	Dec. 9-10	Dec. 14	Dec. 10, 13
Final Examinations	Dec. 14-16, 19-22	Dec. 14-15, 18-22	Dec. 13-14, 17-21	Dec. 11-12, 15-19	Dec. 15-19, 21-22	Dec. 14-17, 20-22
Final Exams Make-up Day	Dec. 23	Dec. 23	Dec. 22	Dec. 22	Dec. 23	Dec. 23
Official date for December graduation	Dec. 30, 2005	Dec. 29, 2006	Dec. 31, 2007	Dec. 31, 2008	Dec. 31, 2009	Dec. 31, 2010
Total class days	13 M - F	13 M - F	13 M - F	13 M - F	13 M - F	13 M - Tr, 12 F
Total instruction weeks	16	16	16	16	15	16

SPRING		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
	Advising Day	Jan. 20	Jan. 19	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 21
	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Classes Do Not Meet	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Classes begin	Jan. 23	Jan. 22	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 25	Jan. 24
	Last day to DROP "Early Drop" courses	Feb. 1	Jan. 31	Jan. 31	Feb. 4	Feb. 3	Feb. 2
	Last day to ADD and to ADD Pass/Fail Option	Feb. 3	Feb. 2	Feb. 4	Feb. 6	Feb. 5	Feb. 4
	Washington's Birthday, classes do not meet, offices are open	Feb. 20	Feb. 19	NA	Feb. 16	Feb. 15	Feb. 21
	Monday classes meet	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
	Mid-semester	Mar. 15	Mar. 14	Mar. 7	Mar. 20	Mar. 15	Mar. 17
	Last day to CHANGE from Pass/Fail Option	Mar. 15	Mar. 14	Mar. 7	Mar. 20	Mar. 15	Mar. 17
	Midterm grades for freshmen due in Enrollment Services Office	Mar. 16	Mar. 14	Mar. 10	Mar. 30	Mar. 15	Mar. 28
	Spring Break, classes do not meet, offices are open	Mar. 20-26	Mar. 19-25	Mar. 17-23	Mar. 23-29	Mar. 22-28	Mar. 21-27
	Last day for students to DROP courses	Mar. 27	Mar. 26	Mar. 24	Mar. 30	Mar. 29	Mar. 28
	Classes end	May 1	Apr. 30	Apr. 29	May 4	May 3	May 2
	Reading days	May 2-3	May 1-2	Apr. 30; May 1	May 5-6	May 4-5	May 3-4
	Final examinations	May 4-5, 8-12	May 3-4, 7-11	May 2, 5-9, 12	May 7-8, 11-15	May 6-7, 10-14	May 5-6, 9-13
	Final grades due in Enrollment Services Office	May 16 by 1:00 p.m.	May 15 by 1:00 p.m.	May 15 by 1:00 p.m.	May 19 by 1:00 p.m.	May 18 by 1:00 p.m.	May 17 by 1:00 p.m.
	Graduate Commencement Ceremony	May 20	May 19	May 17	May 23	May 22	May 21
	Commencement	May 21	May 20	May 18	May 24	May 23	May 22
	Total class days	13 M - F	13 M - F	13 M - F	13 M - F	13 M - F	13 M - F
	Total instruction weeks	15	15	15	15	15	15