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1. **Motion presenter:** Andrew Seal, on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee

2. **Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion:** 09/27/21, 10/18/21

3. **Rationale:** In order to maintain an approved five-year Academic Calendar, the AY 25/26 must be reviewed and included as the last year of the five-year Academic Calendar.

4. **Motion:** The Faculty Senate approves the proposed 2025/26 Academic Calendar as provided by the Office of the Registrar (see Appendix.) 2025/26 will be added to the five-year calendar, which includes the start and end dates for each of 4 regular terms throughout the calendar years starting from AY 2021/22 through AY 2026/27.

**Appendix**

**Fall 2025**

- Monday, Aug 25: Classes begin
- Monday, Sept. 1: Labor Day, University Holiday
- Monday, Oct. 13: Mid-semester, Fall break day no classes
- Tuesday, Nov. 4: Election Day - no exams scheduled
- Tuesday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day, University holiday
- Wednesday, Nov 26: No Classes (University offices open)
- Thurs-Fri, Nov. 27-28: Thanksgiving holidays
- Monday, Dec. 1: Classes resume
- Monday, Dec 8 (70 days): Last day of class
- Tuesday, Dec. 9: Reading day; 6:00 p.m. final exams begin
- Tuesday, Dec. 16: Final exams end

**January Term 2026**

Instructors are advised that this schedule contains only eleven designated schooldays; the historical norm has been fourteen. Instructors must ensure that sufficient contact hours (typically 42 contact hours for a 4-credit class) are built into their class schedule.

- Monday, Dec. 29: On-line classes & trips begin
- Thursday, Jan. 1: New Year’s Day, University holiday
- Friday, Jan. 2: On-campus classes begin
- Saturday, Jan. 3: Classes meet (additional class day)
- Saturday, Jan. 10: Classes meet (additional class day)
- Saturday, Jan. 17: J-Term classes end (additional class day)
- Monday, Jan. 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, University holiday
Spring Term 2026

Tuesday, Jan. 20       Classes begin
Friday, Mar. 6         Mid-semester
Mon-Fri, Mar. 16-20    Spring recess
Monday, Mar. 23        Classes resume
Monday, May 4          Last day of classes
Tuesday, May 5         Reading day or Curtailed Op day
Wednesday, May 6       Reading day
Thursday, May 7        Final Exams begin
Wednesday, May 13      Final Exams end
Saturday, May 16       Commencement

Summer Session 2026

Monday, May 18 – Friday, Aug. 7   Classes in session
Monday, May 25              Memorial Day, University holiday

5. Senate action: The motion was put to a vote on October 18. The motion passed with 56 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention

6. Senate chair’s signature: ____________________________
   Kevin Healey

An unsigned copy of this motion was forwarded to the following on November 4

President James Dean
Wayne Jones, Provost
Kate Ziemer, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Andy Colby, Registrar
All deans and department chairs