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**UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXVI-M4
to approve the 5-Year Academic Calendar, AY 2025-26**

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