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UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XXV – M10
to modify the Academic Calendar for Spring 2021
to include two no-class days

1. Motion presenter: Joe Dwyer, Academic Affairs Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate Discussion: 10/5/20, 10/19/20
3. **Rationale:** The senate passed a motion on October 5, 2020 to adjust the Academic Calendar for Spring 2021, specifying the beginning and end dates and eliminating spring break. However, that motion left undecided whether or not to give students any no-class days, as a break, during the spring semester or which dates those no-class days should be. As a result, the Academic affairs committee was charged to work with the registrar's office to make recommendations about these no-class days.

4. Motion: The Faculty Senate approves the following modifications to the Academic Calendar for Spring 2021 to include no-class days on Friday March 19th and Friday April 16th.

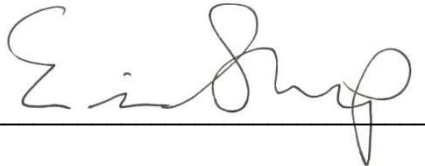
For Spring 2021, there shall be two Friday 'no-class' days as specified below. This requires converting one Monday and one Tuesday to Friday class days. This change balances the calendar so that there are 14 class days across M, T, W, R, and F.

The revised Spring 2021 academic calendar would be:

Monday, February 1 Classes begin
Monday, March 8 Follows a Friday class schedule
Friday, March 19 Mid-semester
Friday, March 19 No Classes (University offices open)
Tuesday, April 13 Follows a Friday class schedule
Friday, April 16 No classes (University offices open)
Tuesday, May 11 Last day of classes
Wednesday, May 12 Reading Day (curtailed operations make up day?)
Thursday, May 13 Reading Day
Friday, May 14 Final exams begin
Thursday, May 20 Final exams end
Saturday, May 22 Commencement Ceremony

5. Senate Action: The motion was put to a vote on October 19, 2020. The motion passed with 56 in favor, none opposed, and 8 abstentions.

6. Senate chair's signature: _____



Forwarded to the following on November 4, 2020

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