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UNHFACULTYSENATE MOTION# XXIV - M6 to approve the 5-year Academic Calendar

Faculty Senate

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1. Motion presenter: Joseph Dwyer, Academic Affairs Committee

2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 11/25/19, 12/09/19, 02/03/20

3. Rationale: In order to maintain an approved five-year Academic Calendar, the AY 24/25 must be reviewed and included as the last year of the five-year Academic calendar.

For purposes of campus safety, it is desirable for the students to be off campus during St. Patrick’s Day. Because St. Patrick’s Day falls on the Monday after the normally scheduled spring recess in 2025, following recommendations from the Registrar’s office, the Dean of Students and the UNH Police Chief, spring recess in 2025 should be moved one week later to March 17-21.

“Senior Day,” which occurs on the day before the commencement ceremony, has been on the calendar for many years and was originally a day for senior events prior to graduation. However, senior events no longer occur on just one day and instead are spread over several days. As a result, the commencement office has requested that “Senior Day” be removed from the calendar since it is causing confusion for the students.

4. Motion: The Faculty Senate approves the proposed 2024/25 Academic calendar as provided by the Office of the Registrar (see Appendix) with spring recess in 2025 moved one week later to March 17-21 and “Senior Day” removed. 2024/25 will be added as the last year of the five-year calendar, which includes the start and end dates for each of 4 regular terms throughout the calendar years starting from AY 2020/21 through AY 2024/25.

5. Senate action: The motion passed with 49 in favor, 6 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

6. Senate chair’s signature: David Bachrach

Forwarded to the following on March 6, 2020
   President James Dean
   Wayne Jones, Provost
   P.T. Vasudevan, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
   Ted Kirkpatrick, Senior Vice Provost for Student Life and Dean of Students
   Andy Colby, Registrar
   Paul Dean, UNH Police Chief
   all deans
   all department chairs
Appendix to Motion # XXIV-M6

2024/25 Faculty Senate Proposed Calendar

SEMESTER I

Monday, Aug. 26  Classes begin
Monday, Sept. 2  Labor Day, University Holiday
Friday, Oct. 11  Mid-semester
Monday, Oct. 14  Mid-semester Break; No classes
Tuesday, Oct 15  Classes follow a Monday schedule
Tuesday, Nov. 5  Election Day - no exams scheduled
Monday, Nov. 11  Veterans Day Observed as University Holiday
Wed-Fri, Nov. 27-29 Thanksgiving Break (Offices open 11/27; no classes)
Monday, Dec. 2  Classes resume
Monday, Dec. 9  Last day of class
Tuesday, Dec. 10  Reading day; 6:00 p.m. final exams begin
Tuesday, Dec. 17  Final exams end

Class days: M: 13; T: 15; W: 14; R: 14; F: 14. So have to convert a Tuesday to Monday class schedule (Tuesday, October 15 follows a Monday class schedule)

JANUARY TERM

Friday, Dec. 27  January term trips & online classes begin
Wednesday, Jan. 1  New Year’s Holiday
Thursday, Jan. 2  On campus classes begin
Saturday, Jan. 18  January term classes end
Monday, Jan. 20  Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; University Holiday

J Term in person class= 13 days by ending on a Saturday

SEMESTER II

Tuesday, Jan. 21  Classes begin
Friday, March 7  Mid-semester
Mon-Fri, March 17-21  Spring recess
Monday, March 24  Classes resume
Monday, May 5  Last day of classes
Tuesday May 6  Reading Day or Curtailed Operation Make up Day
Wednesday, May 7  Reading Day
Thursday, May 8  Final exams begin
Wednesday, May 14  Final exams end
Saturday, May 17  Commencement Ceremony

SUMMER SESSION

May 19 – August 8