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UNH FACULTY SENATE  
MOTION # XX-M4  
*on Motion to approve calendar for online Masters programs*

1. Motion presenter: Scott Smith, Chair of the senate Academic Affairs Committee
2. Dates of Faculty Senate discussion: 10/26/15
3. **Rationale:** Two online masters programs (Master of Education, Master of Social Work) already follow a calendar that features five online terms. This calendar has, to our knowledge, never been approved by the Senate, and we have been asked to provide our imprimatur. The Academic Affairs Committee have discussed the proposed calendar, and do not think there is any reason to object to such a calendar. Yet, we believe that this is a matter that ought to be taken up by the ad hoc committee that is reviewing the current two-semester calendar and considering alternatives to the calendar. Thus, we believe it prudent for the senate to approve only the 2016–17 calendar until this matter can be considered in greater detail.

We'll also note here that the Paul School follows its own irregular online calendar. The result is that: 1) we have a J-Term online term; 2) we have two regular Summer terms that can and usually do involve online classes; 3) a regular series of five "online" eTerms which do not coincide at all with numbers 1 and 2; 4) the Paul School calendar, which from all appearances is asynchronous; 5) irregularly offered online classes that do not fall into any of the above categories. It may simply be that online offerings do not need to be brought into any kind of consistency, but it is worth discussing further.

**4. Motion: To approve the UNH online calendar of five online terms set forth below (for Academic Year 2016–17 only).**

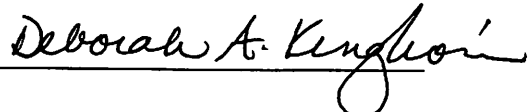
2016 - 2020 University Holidays not set

Revised July 17, 2015

	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
<b>E-Term 1</b>			
Classes Begin	August 17, Monday	August 15, Monday	August 14, Monday
Labor Day; University Holiday	September 7, Monday	September 5, Monday	September 4, Monday
Classes End	October 9, Friday	October 7, Friday	October 6, Friday
<b>E-Term 2</b>			
Classes open on Blackboard	October 19, Monday	October 17, Monday	October 16, Monday
Election Day; no exams scheduled	November 3, Tuesday	November 8, Tuesday	November 7, Tuesday
Veteran's Day; University Holiday	November 11, Wednesday	November 11, Friday	November 10, Friday
Thanksgiving holidays	Nov 26 - 27, Thur - Friday	Nov 24-25, Thur-Friday	Nov 23-24, Thur-Fri
Classes End	December 15, Tuesday	December 13, Tuesday	December 12, Tuesday

<b>E-Term 3</b>			
MLK, JR Day; University Holiday	January 18, Monday	January 16, Monday	January 15, Monday
Classes Begin	January 19, Tuesday	January 17, Tuesday	January 16, Tuesday
Classes End	March 11, Friday	March 10, Friday	March 9, Friday
<b>E-Term 4</b>			
Classes Begin	March 21, Monday	March 20, Monday	March 19, Monday
Classes End	May 12, Thursday	May 11, Thursday	May 10, Thursday
<b>E-Term 5</b>			
Classes Begin	May 23, Monday	May 22, Monday	May 21, Monday
Memorial Day; University Holiday	May 30, Monday	May 29, Monday	May 28, Monday
4th of July; University Holiday	July 4, Monday	July 4, Tuesday	July 4, Wednesday
Classes End	July 15, Friday	July 14, Friday	July 13, Friday
The calendar is subject to change.			

5. **Senate action: The motion passed unanimously with 1 abstention.**

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on November 10, 2015  
 Interim Provost P.T. Vasudevan, on November 10, 2015  
 Mary Rhiel, Interim Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, on Nov 10, 2015  
 Andy Colby, Registrar, on November 10, 2015  
 All college deans, on November 10, 2015  
 All department chairs, on November 10, 2015