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BUDGET AND ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SR-15-16-14 BAPC

Recommends that the attached academic calendars for AY 2016-17 and AY 2017-18 be adopted.

RATIONALE

Summary:

The attached calendars for the next two academic years propose a 15-week Fall Term and a 15-week Spring Term, three 4-week summer terms and one concurrent 12-week summer term. (For the sake of brevity, only the AY 2016-17 calendar dates will be referenced in this summary and rationale. The AY 2017-18 calendar dates follow a similar format.)

- The summer terms will be reconfigured as such:
 - Intersession (currently 4 weeks) --> Renamed Summer A (4 weeks): May 9 - June 3, 2016
 - Summer I (currently 12 weeks) --> Renamed Summer B (12 weeks): May 16 - Aug 5, 2016
 - Summer II (currently 5 weeks) --> Renamed Summer C (4 weeks): June 13 - Jul 8, 2016
 - Summer III (currently 5 weeks) --> Renamed Summer D (4 weeks): July 12 - Aug 5, 2016
- The Fall Term begins August 15, 2016 (first day of classes).
- The Fall Term ends on December 2, 2016 (last day of classes) and the last day of exams is December 9.
- Winter Commencement is December 10, 2016.
- Final grades are due on December 12, 2016.
- The Spring Term begins January 9, 2017 (first day of classes).
- The Spring Term ends on April 28, 2017 (last day of classes) and the last day of exams is May 5.
- Spring Commencement is May 6, 2017.
- Final grades are due on May 9, 2017.

Rationale:

Members of the BAPC contacted their respective college faculty senators to get feedback on three calendar models: a 14/14-week model, a 15/15-week model, and a 14/15-week model. A large majority of senators expressed support for consistency between the two semesters (14/14 or 15/15). Moreover, of those who argued for consistency, a majority supported the 15/15-week model.

The 15/15-week model allows professional degree programs to coordinate student placement calendars with community calendars and ensures consistency of student experience across both semesters. Several professional degree programs must meet certain requirements for clinical practice in order to retain certification, accreditation, etc.

Feedback from SGA also suggests support for the 15/15-week model. Student representatives on the Academic Calendar Committee note that by adding a 15th week to the fall semester, both faculty and students will experience less implicit pressure to rush through a course's material. This added consistency between the fall and spring semesters would allow faculty to better synchronize their syllabi and course content between the two semesters.

Answers to potential concerns:

The Chief Financial Officer confirmed that contract dates for 9-month faculty appointments can be adjusted to August 10, 2016, through May 9, 2016.

Student service offices (Admissions/Recruitment, Bursar, Financial Aid and Registrar) were consulted and are able to accommodate 15-week fall and spring terms without issue. Additionally, the aforementioned offices reported no issues with the proposed change of the summer term configuration.

In consulting with Housing, First Year Residence Halls, Summer Conference, and Food Service on the change to a 15-Week Fall calendar beginning in 2016, no substantive concerns emerged regarding these areas.

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FACULTY SENATE: Larry Stickle DATE: 10/26/2015

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____

DISAPPROVED: Greg E. Whit DATE: 11/10/15

COMMENTS: _____

**Marshall University Academic Calendar
Summer 2016 plus AY 2016-17
Summer 2017 plus AY 2017-18**

15-Week Model

Summer 2016

Summer A

May 6, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

May 9, Monday
First day of classes

May 30, Monday
Memorial Day Holiday – University closed

June 2, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer A

June 3, Friday
Final Examination Day

June 6, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer B

May 13, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

May 16, Monday
First day of classes

May 30, Monday
Memorial Day Holiday – University closed

July 4, Monday
Independence Day Holiday observed – University closed

August 4, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer B

August 5, Friday
Final Examination Day

August 8, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer C

June 10, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

June 13, Monday
First day of classes

July 4, Monday
Independence Day Holiday observed – University closed

July 7, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer C

July 8, Friday
Final Examination Day
Official July graduation date

July 11, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer D

July 11, Monday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

July 12, Tuesday
First day of classes

August 4, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer D

August 5, Friday
Final Examination Day
Official August Graduation date

August 8, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Fall Semester 2016-2017

August 5, Friday
End of summer school

August 10, Wednesday – August 12, Friday
Week of Welcome for freshmen

August 15, 2016, Monday
First day of classes

September 5, Monday
Labor Day Holiday – University Closed

October 5, Wednesday
Mid-semester, 1st eight weeks ends

October 6, Thursday
2nd eight weeks begins

November 21, Monday – November 26, Saturday
Thanksgiving Break, classes dismissed

November 24, Thursday – November 25, Friday
Thanksgiving Holiday – University closed

November 28, Monday
Classes resume

Nov 28, Monday – December 2, Friday
“Dead week”

December 2, Friday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from fall semester

December 3, Saturday
Exam day for Saturday classes; some common finals

December 5, Monday
Exam day

December 6, Tuesday
Exam day

December 7, Wednesday
Study day; Exams resume at 3 p.m. for Wed evening classes

December 8, Thursday
Exam Day

December 9, Friday
Exam Day

December 10, Saturday, TBD
Winter commencement, Big Sandy Superstore Arena

December 12, Monday, Noon
Final grades due

December 22, Thursday, 5:00 pm
University closes

December 23, Friday – January 2, Monday
Winter Break, University closed

December 28, Wednesday – December 29, Thursday
Student Service Offices Open, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

(Admissions, Bursar, Financial Aid, Registrar)

Spring Semester 2016-2017

January 3, 2017, Tuesday
University Reopens

January 9, Monday
First day of classes

January 16, Monday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – University closed

March 1, Wednesday
Midterm, 1st eight weeks ends

March 2, Thursday
2nd eight weeks begins

March 20, Monday – March 25, Saturday
Spring Break, Classes dismissed

March 27, Monday
Classes resume

April 24, Monday – April 28, Friday
“Dead Week”

April 28, Friday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from spring semester

April 29, Saturday
Exam day for Saturday classes; some common finals

May 1, Monday
Exam Day

May 2, Tuesday
Exam Day

May 3, Wednesday
Study Day; Exams resume at 3:00 pm for Wed evening classes

May 4, Thursday
Exam Day

May 5, Friday
Exam Day

May 6, Saturday, TBD at Big Sandy Superstore Arena
Commencement

May 8, Monday – August 5, Friday
Summer School Sessions

May 9, Tuesday, Noon
Final grades due

May 29, Monday
Memorial Day Holiday – University closed

July 4, Tuesday
Independence Day Holiday – University closed

Summer 2017

Summer A

May 5, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

May 8, Monday
First day of classes

May 29, Monday
Memorial Day Holiday – University closed

June 1, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer A

June 2, Friday
Final Examination Day

June 5, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer B

May 12, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

May 15, Monday
First day of classes

May 29, Monday
Memorial Day Holiday – University closed

July 4, Tuesday
Independence Day Holiday observed – University closed

August 3, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer B

August 4, Friday
Final Examination Day

August 7, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer C

June 9, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

June 12, Monday
First day of classes

July 4, Tuesday
Independence Day Holiday observed – University closed

July 6, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer C

July 7, Friday
Final Examination Day
Official July graduation date

July 10, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer D

July 10, Monday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

July 11, Tuesday
First day of classes

August 3, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer D

August 4, Friday
Final Examination Day
Official August Graduation date

August 7, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Fall Semester 2017-2018

August 4, Friday
End of summer school

August 9, Wednesday – August 11, Friday
Week of Welcome for freshmen

August 14, 2017, Monday
First day of classes

September 4, Monday
Labor Day Holiday – University Closed

October 4, Wednesday
Mid-semester, 1st eight weeks ends

October 5, Thursday
2nd eight weeks begins

November 20, Monday – November 25, Saturday
Thanksgiving Break, classes dismissed

November 23, Thursday – November 24, Friday
Thanksgiving Holiday – University closed

November 27, Monday
Classes resume

Nov 27, Monday – December 1, Friday
“Dead week”

December 1, Friday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from fall semester

December 2, Saturday
Exam day for Saturday classes; some common finals

December 4, Monday
Exam day

December 5, Tuesday
Exam day

December 6, Wednesday
Study day; Exams resume at 3 p.m. for Wed evening classes

December 7, Thursday
Exam Day

December 8, Friday
Exam Day

December 9, Saturday, TBD
Winter commencement, Big Sandy Superstore Arena

December 11, Monday, Noon
Final grades due

December 21, Thursday, 5:00 pm
University closes

December 22, Friday – January 1, Monday
Winter Break, University closed

December 28, Thursday – December 29, Friday
Student Service Offices Open, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

(Admissions, Bursar, Financial Aid, Registrar)

Spring Semester 2017-2018

January 2, 2018, Tuesday
University Reopens

January 8, Monday
First day of classes

January 15, Monday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – University closed

February 28, Wednesday
Midterm, 1st eight weeks ends

March 1, Thursday
2nd eight weeks begins

March 19, Monday – March 24, Saturday
Spring Break, Classes dismissed

March 26, Monday
Classes resume

April 23, Monday – April 27, Friday
“Dead Week”

April 27, Friday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from spring semester

April 28, Saturday
Exam day for Saturday classes; some common finals

April 30, Monday
Exam Day

May 1, Tuesday
Exam Day

May 2, Wednesday
Study Day; Exams resume at 3:00 pm for Wed evening classes

May 3, Thursday
Exam Day

May 4, Friday
Exam Day

May 5, Saturday, TBD at Big Sandy Superstore Arena
Commencement

May 7, Monday – August 3, Friday
Summer School Sessions

May 8, Tuesday, Noon
Final grades due

May 28, Monday
Memorial Day Holiday – University closed

July 4, Wednesday
Independence Day Holiday – University closed