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BUDGET AND ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SR-15-16-20 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, and maintain the summer schedule as currently configured (a 4-week Intersession, two 5-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 Fall Term begins August 22, 2016 (first day of classes).
- The Fall Term ends on December 9, 2016 (last day of classes) and the last day of exams is December 16.
- Winter Commencement is December 17, 2016.
- Final grades are due at noon on December 19, 2016.
- University is closed December 23 - January 2, 2017.
- 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.

History:

- A. On December 11, 2014, the Faculty Senate rejected SR-14-15-25 BAPC, a 15/15-week calendar that lengthens the Fall term by ending a week later (Dec 16 instead of Dec 9).
- B. At the same meeting, the Senate then approved SR-14-15-25 FS, a stop-gap measure that makes no structural changes and continues the current 14/15-week model for an additional year (AY 2015-16) in order to provide adequate time for deliberate debate and due consideration of the varied needs and concerns of students, the faculty, and the academic colleges.
- C. On October 22, 2015, the Faculty Senate rejected SR-15-16-14 BAPC, a 15/15-week calendar that lengthens the Fall term by starting a week earlier than usual (Aug 15 instead of Aug 22).
- D. The Senate then approved a 14/14-week calendar (SR-15-16-13 BAPC) that shortens the spring term by ending a week earlier than usual (April 28 instead of May 5).
- E. The President then disapproved the 14/14-week model.

For the sake of clarity, from this point forward the calendars above will be referenced by their respective section headings—Calendar A, Calendar B, etc.

Rationale:

Certain colleges and programs need 15-week terms in order to manage the clinical/practicum/internship components of their degree programs. But there are some differences.

- COB needs 15 consecutive weeks in the summer for internship sequences. This is the primary reason COB Senators voted against the Calendar C, which shortened the summer by one week.
- SOP, School of Nursing, and COEPD, among others, need 15 consecutive weeks in both the fall and spring for clinical/practicum placements. This is the primary reason why most senators from these programs voted in favor of both Calendar A and Calendar C.

Calendar A, therefore, meets the needs of all colleges that require 15-week terms at some point in the academic year in order to manage the clinical/practicum/internship components of their degree programs.

This model ensures consistency of student experience across both semesters.

This model also does not require any alteration of the Summer School schedule.

Answers to potential concerns:

As noted during the December 2014 meeting of Faculty Senate, a chief objection to Calendar A is that the time between the end of the term and the beginning of the winter break is too short to permit sufficient time for staff to process grades and attendant letters of probation, suspension, etc. The BAPC, however, has confirmed the following precedents:

- Fall 2009: 3-1/2 days for processing
- Fall 2010: 4-1/2 days for processing
- Fall 2012: 1-1/2 days for processing

Calendar A as applied to AY 2016-17 would allow for 3-1/2 days for end-of-term processing of academic records.

Moreover, the Office of the Registrar has identified a processing solution that will alleviate the need for college staff to edit individual letters after the mail merge. This will significantly reduce the total time required to prepare letters for delivery to the mailroom.

FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:

APPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE: Larry Sticker DATE: 12/11/2015

DISAPPROVED BY THE FACULTY SENATE: _____ DATE: _____

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

APPROVED: Ray G. White DATE: 12/18/15

DISAPPROVED: _____ DATE: _____

COMMENTS: _____

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

15-Week Model

Summer 2016

Intersession

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 Intersession

June 3, Friday
Final Examination Day

June 6, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer I

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 I

August 5, Friday
Final Examination Day

August 8, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer II

June 3, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

June 6, 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 II

July 8, Friday
Final Examination Day
Official July graduation date

July 11, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer III

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

July 12, Tuesday
First day of classes

August 11, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer III

August 12, Friday
Final Examination Day
Official August Graduation date

August 15, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Fall Semester 2016-2017

August 12, Friday
End of summer school

August 17, Wednesday – August 19, Friday
Week of Welcome for freshmen

August 22, Monday
First day of classes

September 5, Monday
Labor Day Holiday – University Closed

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

December 5, Monday – December 9, Friday
“Dead week”

December 9, Friday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from fall semester

December 10, Saturday
Exam day for Saturday classes; some common finals

December 12, Monday
Exam day

December 13, Tuesday
Exam day

December 14, Wednesday
Study day; Exams resume at 3 p.m. for Wed evening classes

December 15, Thursday
Exam Day

December 16, Friday
Exam Day

December 17, Saturday, TBD
Winter commencement, Big Sandy Superstore Arena

December 19, Monday, Noon
Final grades due

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 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 11, 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

Intersession

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 Intersession

June 2, Friday
Final Examination Day

June 5, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer I

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

July 4, Tuesday
Independence Day Holiday observed – University closed

July 27, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer I

July 28, Friday
Final Examination Day

July 31, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer II

June 2, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Regular Registration

June 5, 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 II

July 7, Friday
Final Examination Day
Official July graduation date

July 10, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Summer III

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

July 11, Tuesday
First day of classes

August 10, Thursday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Summer III

August 11, Friday
Final Examination Day
Official August Graduation date

August 14, Monday, Noon
Deadline for submitting final grades

Fall Semester 2017-2018

August 11, Friday
End of summer school

August 17, Thursday – August 21, Friday
Week of Welcome for freshmen

August 21, Monday
First day of classes

September 4, Monday
Labor Day Holiday – University Closed

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

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

November 27, Monday
Classes resume

December 4, Monday – December 8, Friday
“Dead week”

December 8, Friday
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from fall semester

December 9, Saturday
Exam day for Saturday classes; some common finals

December 11, Monday
Exam day

December 12, Tuesday
Exam day

December 13, Wednesday
Study day; Exams resume at 3 p.m. for Wed evening classes

December 14, Thursday
Exam Day

December 15, Friday
Exam Day

December 16, Saturday, TBD
Winter commencement, Big Sandy Superstore Arena

December 18, Monday, Noon
Final grades due

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

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 12, 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