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## **BUDGET AND ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **SR-15-16-13 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 14-week Fall Term and a 14-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 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 21, 2017 (last day of classes) and the last day of exams is April 28.
- Spring Commencement is April 29, 2017.
- Final grades are due on May 2, 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. However, there was sizable minority support for a 14/14-week model, and in the absence of comprehensive feedback from all faculty senators, the 14/14-week model is being proposed here as a second model for consideration by full Faculty Senate.

The 14/14-week model ensures consistency of student experience across both semesters.

This model also does not require any alteration of the Summer School schedule, save for the fact that Intersession would start one week earlier than usual because of the earlier conclusion to the Spring term. This maintains a practice that is generally favorable among participating faculty and students alike: to hold Intersession immediately after the Spring term before "summer" begins in earnest. A one-week break between Intersession and Summer II would be added, which would put Summer II and Summer III back on the current schedule leading up to the Fall term.

**Answers to potential concerns:**

Student service offices (Admissions/Recruitment, Bursar, Financial Aid and Registrar) were consulted and are able to accommodate 14-week fall and spring terms without issue.

In consulting with Housing, First Year Residence Halls, Summer Conference, and Food Service on the change to a 14-week Spring calendar beginning in AY 2016-2017, no substantive concerns emerged regarding these areas.

**FACULTY SENATE CHAIR:**

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FACULTY SENATE:

*Larry Strickler*

DATE: *10/26/2015*

DISAPPROVED BY THE  
FACULTY SENATE:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DISAPPROVED:

*Sam J. White*

DATE: *11/10/15*

**COMMENTS:**

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

**14-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

October 10, Monday  
Mid-semester, 1<sup>st</sup> seven weeks ends

October 11, Tuesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> seven 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, 1<sup>st</sup> eight weeks ends

March 2, Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> eight weeks courses begins

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

March 27, Monday  
Classes resume

April 17, Monday – April 21, Friday  
“Dead Week”

April 21, Friday  
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from spring semester

April 22, Saturday  
Exam day for Saturday classes; some common finals

April 24, Monday  
Exam Day

April 25, Tuesday  
Exam Day

April 26, Wednesday  
Study Day; Exams resume at 3:00 pm for Wed evening classes

April 27, Thursday  
Exam Day

April 28, Friday  
Exam Day

April 29, Saturday, TBD at Big Sandy Superstore Arena  
Commencement

May 1, Monday – August 11, Friday  
Summer School Sessions

May 2, Tuesday, Noon  
Final grades due

May 29, Monday  
Memorial Day Holiday – University closed

July 4, Tuesday  
Independence Day Holiday – University closed



## **Summer 2017**

### **Intersession**

April 28, Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Regular Registration

May 1, Monday  
First day of classes

May 29, Monday  
Memorial Day Holiday – University closed

May 25, Thursday  
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from Intersession

May 26, Friday  
Final Examination Day

May 29, 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

October 9, Monday  
Mid-semester, 1<sup>st</sup> seven weeks ends

October 10, Tuesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> seven weeks begins

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

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 26, Monday  
Midterm, 1<sup>st</sup> seven weeks ends

February 27, Thursday  
2<sup>nd</sup> seven weeks begins

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

March 26, Monday  
Classes resume

April 16, Monday – April 20, Friday  
“Dead Week”

April 20, Friday  
Last day of class; Last day to completely withdraw from spring semester

April 21, Saturday  
Exam day for Saturday classes; some common finals

April 23, Monday  
Exam Day

April 24, Tuesday  
Exam Day

April 25, Wednesday  
Study Day; Exams resume at 3:00 pm for Wed evening classes

April 26, Thursday  
Exam Day

April 27, Friday  
Exam Day

April 28, Saturday, TBD at Big Sandy Superstore Arena  
Commencement

April 30, Monday – August 12, Friday  
Summer School Sessions

May 1, Tuesday, Noon  
Final grades due

May 28, Monday  
Memorial Day Holiday – University closed

July 4, Wednesday  
Independence Day Holiday – University closed