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### BUDGET AND ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

### SR 22-23-41 BAPC

Recommends that the 15-15 academic calendar (OPTION A) for AY 2024-25, AY 2025-26, AY 2026-27, and AY 2027-28 be approved as attached. These four calendars present a 15-week Fall Term (plus exam week), a 15-week Spring Term (plus exam week), and a 12-week Summer Term that contains four session options (Term A: first 4 weeks, Term B: full 12 weeks, Term C: first six weeks, and Term D: second six weeks). The Fall and Spring Terms each include a mid-semester break with 2 days of cancelled classes. We have also included a possible 14-14 academic calendar (OPTION B) as an alternative.

### RATIONALE

#### Summary:

The attached calendars (Appendix A) for the next four academic years propose Fall and Spring terms as a 15week Fall Term (plus exam week), a 15-week Spring Term (plus exam week), and a 12-week Summer Term that contains four session options (Term A: 12 weeks, Term B: first four weeks, Term C: first six weeks, and Term D: second six weeks).

For the sake of brevity, only the AY 2024-25 calendar dates will be referenced in this summary and rationale.

- The 12-week summer term (Term B) for 2024 will run from May 6, 2024 to July 26, 2024.
- Term A will run from May 6, 2024 through May 31, 2024.
- Term C will run from May 6, 2024 through June 14, 2024.
- Term D will run from June 17, 2024 through July 26, 2024.
- Summer commencement will be July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- WOW will be August 14-16, 2024.
- Fall semester will run from August 19, 2024 through December 6, 2024 for instructional days.
- October break will be Oct. 10-11.
- Fall break will be November 25-29, 2024.
- Fall semester exam week will be December 9-13, 2024.
- Fall commencement will be December 14, 2024.
- Spring semester will run from January 13, 2025 through May 2, 2025 for instructional days.
- February break will be Feb. 13-14, 2025.
- Spring break will be March 17-21, 2025.
- Spring semester exam week will be May 5-May 9, 2025.
- Spring commencement will be May 10, 2025.

### **Rationale:**

Summary Rationale: Through consultation with the Academic Calendar Committee (ACC), Student Government Association (SGA), the Council of Chairs, and the Associate Deans, the calendar was developed by the Budget and Academic Policy Committee (BAPC). The proposal to increase the length of Fall and Spring terms and add a mid-semester break to each is the culmination of many compromises made to meet the most pressing needs of the various constituents on campus, while prioritizing the educational outcomes for students. The adjustment in the summer schedule was made to ensure compliance with federal student aid mandates.

Full Rationale: Various constituent groups have presented arguments for and against the 15-week semester. These include wants and needs. Some of the proposed decision points have been:

1) A 14-week instructional semester is insufficient for curricular and clinical requirements

2) Administrators want more time to conduct end-of-semester procedures such as processing academic dismissals.

- 3) Wanting to give students more time to work in the summer
- 4) Wanting more holiday time for faculty and students
- 5) Wanting to add mental health days at appropriate times
- 6) Faculty not wanting to change syllabi

While these issues are important to various constituent groups, the faculty, and the university should focus on what is needed to provide the best education and produce the best student and graduate outcomes. Shortening the semester and reducing instructional days over the course of a three- or four-year degree results in many weeks of lost instruction. The university must make decisions that are based on student/graduate outcomes. These decisions can be guided by practices of peer institutions and national standards so that Marshall graduates can be competitive in the job market or advanced studies. The text below addresses the major points of concern of many constituencies that arose during the calendar planning process and demonstrates why the proposed 15-week instructional schedule with a mid-semester break is the best choice.

Addressing the need for more instructional time

- Faculty have reported having difficulty in covering material required by departmental curricula, and sometimes accrediting bodies with the switch to the 14-week instructional schedule.
- In the years since switching to a 14-week instructional schedule, the university has had several weatherrelated closures and delays, on top of time lost due to COVID. This trend may continue as severe weather events become more likely due to climate change. Adding a few instructional days to the calendar will help alleviate the problem of lost instructional days. For reference, a tally of university class cancellations was made based on MU Alert text and email records:
  - o In 2019-2020, 5 days of classes were cancelled (because of COVID-19),
  - o In 2020-2021, 6 days of classes were cancelled; 3 days had a delayed start or early closure,
  - In 2021-2022, 1 day of class was cancelled; 2 days had a delayed start or early dismissal. It should be noted that a major flood in the Science Building affected some classes for a full week.
- Some faculty reported reducing the number of exams given during the semester in order to make up for the loss of instructional time with the switch to the 14-week instructional schedule. Fewer exams during a semester means that each exam includes more material, which has adversely affected student performance.
- To provide one detailed example, the points below outline the difficulties faced by Geology with a 14-week instructional schedule:
  - In the department of Geology, all syllabi (and hence curricula) were originally designed for a 15-week calendar. Topics covered in 100 and 200 level classes were carefully selected to provide students with the necessary background needed for success in upper-level classes. The curriculum was designed and revised to carefully meet the needs of the industry in terms of learning outcomes as defined by AGU/AGI Heads and Chairs program (2016) and implementing the "matrix approach" for curricular design (https://nagt.org/nagt/profdev/webinars/twp\_matrix/index.html). Reducing the duration of the semester to 14 weeks of instruction has undoubtedly had a negative impact on our majors. To address that, instructors are left with one of three choices:
    - Not cover the material, which will adversely affect the ability of freshmen and sophomores to do
      well in upper division classes, and juniors and seniors to have the material necessary for graduation,
      ultimately leaving our graduates not competitive in the job market.
    - Assign some of this curricular material as "self-learning modules" for the students to cover on their own, either through readings or recorded lectures. Experience shows that this does not work, as almost all students will not do this work on their own. In addition, incoming freshmen have an overall weaker academic background, so assigning topics that we cannot cover in 14-weeks of instruction as "self-taught" modules only compounds their problems.
    - Cover "most" or at least "some" of the material very quickly in class. This puts undue stress on the students and faculty, typically with poor outcomes on exams, tests, etc.
  - The introductory level class "Geological Hazards and Earth Resources" has 2 weeks dedicated to the important topic of "Climate change", and 1 week to "Earth and Energy Resources". A 14-week semester

means that both topics should be covered in 2 weeks which is unrealistic. A curricular change would involve replacing this class with 2 classes: one dedicated to "Geologic hazards", and another to "Climate change and Earth Resources". This would require additional staff.

- The introductory level class GLY 200: "Dynamic Earth", the gateway to our major, is designed with the topics: "Glaciers", "Landslides", and "Groundwater" each being covered in a week. A 14 week-semester means that one of these topics would have to be eliminated, which will in turn make those students unprepared for classes like "Geomorphology", "Environmental Geology", or "Hydrogeology".
- The upper division class: "Geochemistry" has the topics: "Oxidation reduction", "Geochronology" and "Stable isotope geochemistry" covered in a week each. A 14 week-semester means that one of these topics would have to be eliminated. None of these topics are covered in any other class, and students would be short-changed if they did not learn about any of these topics in college.

### Addressing the need for more time to complete clinical hours

• There has been very strong support within the College of Health Professions for a 15-week semester. Most of the programs in the COHP have external accreditation. While these accreditation agencies do not necessarily require 15-week semesters, they do place tremendous pressure on programs to teach a growing list of content and to ensure competence in both didactic knowledge and clinical skills. Many programs have extended clinical rotations that require 15 weeks. Programs are also required to ensure exit abilities, such as clinical education performance, graduation rates, and board pass rates. Many programs are struggling with the retention of students due to the pace and volume of content that is required to be taught. These programs are competing against national programs that typically have 15-week semesters. There is overwhelming support in the COHP for the 15 weeks semester.

### Addressing the mental health needs of students

- The driving force of this proposal is giving students a mid-semester break. Isaac Raines, the SGA representative to BAPC lobbied for "mental health days" during the semester to relieve stress. Faculty members of BAPC quickly agreed that there is a critical need to address a mental health crisis in our student body, particularly after the COVID-19 pandemic. Extending the semester by a week makes it possible to create a mid-semester break (second weekend of October and the second weekend of February) for students.
- While an early proposal sought to add 5 mental health days, spread throughout the semester, BAPC decided it would be much less disruptive to implement one mid-semester break, similar to what many peer institutions do. It was decided to cancel classes on Thursday and Friday for a mid-semester break in each semester; Monday was avoided as each semester already includes one Monday holiday.

### Consistency with peer institutions

- In a survey of the Fall 2022 academic calendars of over 15 peer institutions, it was found that Marshall ranks among the lowest in the number of instructional days. Marshall had 69 instructional days in the fall. Only 2 of the 15 peer institutions surveyed had less than that, at 68 instructional days. The other institutions ranged from 70 to 74 instructional days.
- WVU's Fall 2022 semester included instruction spread over nearly 16 weeks, compared to Marshall's 14 weeks. WVU began the semester on Aug. 17 (Marshall on Aug. 22) and ended classes on Dec. 8 (Marshall on Dec. 2). WVU's calendar included 8 days without classes, compared to Marshall's 6, for a total of 74 instructional days.

#### Response to common complaints regarding a 15-week instructional schedule

• When the last academic calendars (starting with Fall 2019) were adopted, administrators argued that a 15week calendar would work for a few years, but eventually (approximately every 5 years), the calendar would hit a "reset year" that would make it difficult to provide enough time for administrative tasks between terms. Each year of this proposal provides, at least, two weeks of university business hours between fall semester and spring semester, and one week both before and after the summer term. Furthermore, BAPC has seen the

15-week schedule mapped out through 2032 and proved that this calendar can work every year, even during the "reset year".

- Some faculty have complained that they do not want to readjust their course syllabit to a 15-week schedule after adapting to the 14-week schedule. This 15-week recommendation adds 3 instructional days to the schedule, which translates to two class periods for a MWF class and one class period for a TR class. Faculty who do not want to adjust their syllabit may use the extra class periods for review sessions, extra time for students to work on term papers, or "mental health days". This is a student-centered proposal that does not necessarily place an undue burden on faculty.
- The need for time between academic terms to process grades and notify students of probation and dismissal is a valid concern. The proposed 15-week instructional term maintains at least two weeks of university business days between Fall and Spring terms. This satisfies a request from Academic Affairs and the registrar's office and is consistent with current practice.
- Some associate deans were concerned about the elimination of a week between the end of spring and the beginning of summer term. BAPC worked closely with committee member and associate dean Kelli Prejean to delay the start of summer by one week so there would be a week after Spring semester to process grades and assist students on probation. There is one week after summer term to process grades before Fall term begins. While some administrators would prefer more time after Summer, it was deemed more important to place an extra week prior to Summer as there is a much larger number of students whose grades need to be processed at the end of Spring, compared to the end of Summer.

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# **OPTION A: 15-15 Calendar**

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Academic Calendar	Draft 2024-2025 (15/15 with Summer with 4 parts of term 4/12/6/6)
One week between	Spring end/Summer begin and one between Summer end/Fall begin
Summer 2024	
Summer A	4 weeks
Start Date	Monday, May 6, 2024
End Date	Friday, May 31, 2024
Grades	Monday, Jun 3, 2024
Summer B	12 weeks
Start Date	Monday, May 6, 2024
End Date	Friday, Jul 26, 2024
Grades	Monday, Jul 29, 2024
Summer C	6 weeks
Start Date	Monday, May 6, 2024
End Date	Friday, Jun 14, 2024
Grades	Monday, Jun 17, 2024
Summer D	6 weeks
Start Date	Monday, Jun 17, 2024
End Date	Friday, Jul 26, 2024
Grades Due	Monday, Jul 29, 2024
- all 2024	15 weeks
NOM	Wednesday, Aug 14 - Friday, Aug 16
Start Date	Monday, Aug 19, 2024
October break	Thursday Oct 10 – Friday Oct 11
Thanksgiving	Monday, Nov 25 - Friday, Nov 29
Final exams	Monday, Dec 9 - Friday, Dec 13
End Date	Friday, Dec 13, 2024
Commencement	Saturday, Dec 14, 2024
Grades Due	Monday, Dec 16, 2024 at noon
VIU closed	Monday, Dec 23, 2024-Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025
Spring 2025	15 weeks
MU opens	Tuesday, Jan 2, 2025
Start Date	Monday, Jan 13, 2025
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Commencement	Saturday, May 10, 2025
Grades Due	Monday, May 12, 2025 at noon

Summer 2025	
Summer A	4 weeks
Start Date	Monday, May 19, 2025
End Date	Friday, Jun 13, 2025
Grades	Monday, Jun 16, 2025
Summer B	12 weeks
Start Date	Monday, May 19, 2025
End Date	Friday, Aug 8, 2025
Grades	Monday, Aug 11, 2025
Summer C	6 weeks
Start Date	Monday, May 19, 2025
End Date	Friday, Jun 27, 2025
Grades	Monday, Jun 30, 2025
Summer D	6 weeks
Start Date	Monday, Jun 30, 2025
End Date	Friday, Aug 8, 2025
Grades Due	Monday, Aug 11, 2025
Fall 2025	15 weeks
WOW	Wednesday, Aug 13 - Friday, Aug
Start Date	Monday, Aug 18, 2025
October break	Thursday Oct 9 – Friday Oct 10
Thanksgiving	Monday, Nov 24 - Friday, Nov 28
Final exams	Monday Dec 8 - Friday, Dec 12
End Date	Friday, Dec 12, 2025
Commencement	Saturday, Dec 13, 2025
Grades Due	Monday, December 15, 2025 at ı
MU closed	Tuesday, Dec 23, 2025-Thursday,
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Spring 2026	Friday, Jan 2, 2026
MU opens Start Date	Monday, Jan 12, 2026
February break	Thursday Feb 12 – Friday Feb 13
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#### Fall 2026

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#### Spring 2027

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#### Fall 2027

WOW Start Date October break Thanksgiving Final exams End Date Commencement Grades Due MU closed

#### Spring 2028

MU opens Start Date February break Spring break Final exams End Date Commencement Grades Due 15 weeks

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Fall semester instructional days

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Holidays/no class

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Summer (12 week block)

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Summer	Session	Start	End
Term B	12 weeks	5/15	8/4
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Summer (12 week block)

Fall semester instructional days

Spring semester instructional days

Holidays/no class

Commencement date (summer graduation date is last day of class)

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## **OPTION B** (alternative 14-14 calendar)

These four calendars present a 14-week Fall Term (plus exam week), a 14-week Spring Term (plus exam week), and a 12-week Summer Term that contains four session options (Term A: first four weeks, Term B: 12 weeks, Term C: first six weeks, and Term D: second six weeks).

### RATIONALE

#### Summary:

The attached calendars (Appendix) for the next four academic years propose Fall and Spring terms as a 14-week Fall Term (plus exam week), a 14-week Spring Term (plus exam week), and a 12-week Summer Term that contains four session options (Term A: 12 weeks, Term B: first four weeks, Term C: first six weeks, and Term D: second six weeks).

For the sake of brevity, only the AY 2024-25 calendar dates will be referenced in this summary and rationale.

- The 12-week summer term (Term B) for 2024 will run from May 6, 2024 to July 26, 2024.
- Term A will run from May 6, 2024 through May 31, 2024.
- Term C will run from May 6, 2024 through June 14, 2024.
- Term D will run from June 17, 2024 through July 26, 2024.
- Summer commencement will be July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- WOW will be August 21-23, 2024.
- Fall semester will run from August 26, 2024 through December 6, 2024 for instructional days.
- Fall break will be November 25-29, 2024.
- Fall semester exam week will be December 9-13, 2024.
- Fall commencement will be December 14, 2024.
- Spring semester will run from January 13, 2025 through April 25, 2025 for instructional days.
- Spring break will be March 17-21, 2025.
- Spring semester exam week will be April 28 May 2, 2025.
- Spring commencement will be May 3, 2025.

#### **Rationale:**

Through consultation with the Academic Calendar Committee (ACC), Student Government Association (SGA), the Council of Chairs, and the Associate Deans, the calendar was developed by the Budget and Academic Policy Committee (BAPC). The proposal is a simple continuation of the calendar utilized in 2022-2024, with slight changes in the summer schedule to ensure compliance with federal student aid mandates. This proposal is NOT recommended by BAPC because it presents significant challenges to programs that require clinical hours and/or content mandated by accrediting agencies.

### **OPTION B: 14-14 Calendar**

Summer 2024	
Summer A	4 weeks
Start Date	Monday, May 6, 2024
End Date	Friday, May 31, 2024
Grades	Monday, Jun 3, 2024
Summer B	12 weeks
Start Date	Monday, May 6, 2024
End Date	Friday, Jul 26, 2024
Grades	Monday, Jul 29, 2024
Summer C	6 weeks
Start Date	Monday, May 6, 2024
End Date	Friday, Jun 14, 2024
Grades	Monday, Jun 17, 2024
Summer D	6 weeks
Start Date	Monday, Jun 17, 2024
End Date	Friday, Jul 26, 2024
Grades Due	Monday, Jul 29, 2024
Fall 2024	14 weeks
WOW	Wednesday, Aug 21 - Friday, Aug 23
Start Date	Monday, Aug 26, 2024
Thanksgiving	Monday, Nov 25 - Friday, Nov 29
Final exams	Monday, Dec 9 - Friday, Dec 13
End Date	Friday, Dec 13, 2024
Commencement	Saturday, Dec 14, 2024
Grades Due	Monday, Dec 16, 2024 at Noon
MU closed	Monday, Dec 23, 2024-Wednesday, Jan 1, 2025
Spring 2025	14 weeks
MU opens	Tuesday, Jan 2, 2025
Start Date	Monday, Jan 13, 2025
Spring break	Monday, Mar 17 - Friday, Mar 21
Final exams	Monday, April 28 - Friday, May 2
End Date	Friday, May 2, 2025
Commencement	Saturday, May 3, 2025
Grades Due	Monday, May 5, 2025 at Noon

### Summer 2025

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Summer C Start Date End Date Grades 6 weeks Monday, May 12, 2025 Friday, Jun 20, 2025 Monday, Jun 23, 2025

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Wednesday, Aug 20 - Friday, Aug 22

Monday, December 15, 2025 at Noon

Tuesday, Dec 23, 2025-Thursday, Jan 1, 2026

Monday, Nov 24 - Friday, Nov 28

Monday Dec 8 - Friday, Dec 12

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### Fall 2025

WOW Start Date Thanksgiving Final exams End Date Commencement Grades Due MU closed

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MU opens Start Date Spring break Final exams End Date Commencement Grades Due

Spring 2026

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Term C	1st 6 weeks	5/11	6/19
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