University Academic Calendar Committee meeting
Tuesday, April 7, 2015

Tamara Workman, Registrar chaired the meeting.
The committee will meet once each Fall and Spring semester.
Each Fall the next year will be planned, three years in advance.

University Academic Calendars through 2018-2019 were presented and voted approved by the committee.

Dr. Scott Ishman gave a presentation regarding the University’s plans for the Fall 2017 total eclipse.

The full eclipse will last about 2 minutes and SIU is the site of the longest duration. The eclipse will happen around 1:21pm. The partial phases of the eclipse will start at 11:52am and end at 2:47pm.

There is a University Eclipse Committee coordinating plans for the event and a website dedicated to related events eclipse.siu.edu.

The region is expecting 30,000-50,000 visitors for the event. The main viewing areas on campus will be the Stadium and arena parking lots. University Farms and Touch of Nature will be dedicated to scientific observations of the eclipse.

This eclipse coincides with the first day of Fall semester classes 2017. Parents may say in student’s dorm rooms during the event. College of Ag has offered space on the farms for overflow parking.

The University does not plan to officially cancel classes the day of the event. It is hoped that most classes will have some event planned for the afternoon of the eclipse.

NASA will be at SIU for the event.

The committee was asked to gather information from it’s constituents regarding having a two-day fall break in October vs. having a full week of Thanksgiving with no fall break. The earliest this change could take place would be Fall 2016. There was much conversation about students leaving early for Thanksgiving break and missing classes.

Could a survey be sent out to AP staff asking for their opinion on this?