

ACADEMIC CALENDAR COMMITTEE MEETING

12-10-07

Submitted by Jon Geiger, A/P Staff Committee Representative
Dec. 19, 2007 A/P Council Meeting

Tina Collins, Director of Records and Registration, distributed three calendar choices for the committee to evaluate. From these three choices, the committee was asked to make a recommendation for approval by the Chancellor for the 2011-2012 Academic Year. After discussing all three options, Version A (which is attached to this report) was the recommended choice made by the committee. Versions A and B didn't include a Fall Break, whereas Version C included a Fall Break. The only difference between Version A and B was the starting date of the fall semester. Version A started the fall semester on Monday, Aug. 22nd, while version B started classes on Friday, Aug. 19th. Advantages and disadvantages of each version were discussed.

When discussing Version B and C, with a starting date on a Friday, the conversations centered on a possible need for some offices and staff (specifically financial aid, academic advising, etc.) to have offices open and be available during that weekend. I suggested that salaried A/P staff might have difficulty getting time off (comp. time) for the time spent working over that weekend. Therefore, as a representative of A/P staff, I wouldn't support Version B or C without first having an opportunity to address this with A/P Council.

When discussing Version C, the conversations centered on the need for a fall break and the ramifications of having one (semester continuity, marginal students not returning to school after the break, increased suicide attempts if a break is not provided, the adverse affect on classes taught on M/W/F with other scheduled holidays during that semester, etc.) Most of the committee members weren't aware of the effect that a fall break supposedly has on minimizing suicide attempts for college students. It was noted that this issue wasn't specific to SIU-C but in general for campuses nationwide. Serious consideration was given to Version C by the committee. However, after further discussion, there was general consensus that Version A seemed to be the most accepted and best choice to recommend to the Chancellor for approval and the one most similar to previous university calendars at SIU-C.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2011-2012 Academic Calendar (DRAFT - VERSION A)

Summer Session 2011

Eight Week Session Begins	Monday, June 13, 7:30 a.m.
Independence Day Holiday	Monday, July 4
Final Examinations	Thursday, August 4 and Friday, August 5
Commencement	Saturday, August 6

Fall Semester 2011

Semester Classes Begin	Monday, August 22
Labor Day Holiday	Monday, September 5
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11
Thanksgiving Vacation	Saturday, November 19, 12 Noon - Sunday, November 27
Final Examinations	Monday, December 12 - Friday, December 16
Commencement	Saturday, December 17

Spring Semester 2012

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday Holiday	Monday, January 16
Semester Classes Begin	Tuesday, January 17
Spring Vacation	Saturday, March 10, 12 Noon - Sunday, March 18
Honors Day	Sunday, April 15
Final Examinations	Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11
Commencement	Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12

All breaks begin officially at 10:00 p.m. the night before and end at 7:30 a.m. the morning after the respective beginning and ending dates listed, unless otherwise noted.

APPROVED: _____ DATE: _____
Version A