

Academic Calendar Committee Meeting Minutes February 26, 2016

In attendance: Tiffany Evans, Jim Godfrey, Mark Bracken, Sherry Harward, Sandie Waters, Jamie Johnson, Phil Varney (for Matt Robins), Frank Young, Andrew Stone, LuAnn Smith, Shauna Reher

USHE Calendar Comparison

- Reviewed the start and end dates for the other USHE schools.
- It was decided that the January 4 start date was too early.
- There is some flexibility in the calendar because we can count final days as instruction days.
- Housing for students was discussed. Seventeen percent of students have to leave housing during finals week because of housing contracts.
- Commencements of UVU and BYU cannot happen the same weekend.
- Apartment complexes seem to be cooperative so far to amending the contracts.
- The current calendar includes 71 instruction days plus finals for a total of 75.
- Fall 2018 and Fall 2019 have early start dates.
- There was some discussion if the start date should be moved to Wednesday instead of that Monday.
- Tiffany will check with Chemistry & Physics to see how many days they need for accreditation.
- It was decided that UVU should start on the following Monday for those two years:
 - 2018 – start Monday, August 27
 - 2019 – start Monday, August 26
- Changes will be made to the calendars, the number of instruction days including finals will be included with the minutes and the calendars will be moved to the Academic Affairs Council for approval.

Condensed Delivery Courses

- Presidents Council is exploring ways to speed up graduation for students. One option is condensed delivery. This is just being discussed at this point, but the calendar committee may be asked at some point to make adjustments to the calendar to accommodate condensed courses.
- Handout with more information given out.