

Academic Calendar Committee
January 15, 2016
Minutes

In attendance: Tiffany Evans, Maureen Andrade, Frank Young, Andrew Stone, Lisa Price, LuAnn Smith, Mark Bracken, Frank Young, Jamie Johnson, Jakell Larson, Shauna Reher

Review 2015-2016

- January 4th return was challenging. It was suggested that this be considered in upcoming calendars. Jakell mentioned that students would rather get out earlier in April than start later in January.

Reading Day

- This semester the reading day is Tuesday, February 16. In future calendars it will be the Friday before finals.
- It was put on a Tuesday to try and balance out the Monday holidays in the spring.
- President Holland would like the reading day to be on the Friday before finals to instill a sense that UVU is a serious institution.
- Reviewed memo from Jeff Olson regarding reading days.
- It was suggested that the memo could clarify the role of faculty for the reading day.
- Tiffany will check with Jeff Olson to see if he would like to address that and send the memo again.

Future calendar review

- Reading day has been added to all calendars.
- Fall Break is aligned with UEA
- Spring Break is in March and does not align with local school districts.
- Faculty return date should remain a week in advance. There are so many meetings and preparation that week it is important for faculty to be here. It is a contract date.
- There is only a week between summer and fall so that summer does not have to be shortened.
- Fall 2018 starts August 20. There was some discussion about starting that early. It was determined that it would be better to start school earlier in August in order to get out earlier in December.
- Fall 2018 Thanksgiving break dates need to include Saturday, Nov. 24.
- Fall 2019 Spring Break and Thanksgiving Break also need to be adjusted to include Saturday.
- Summer term 2020 starts on a Monday. It was decided to continue to start it on Wednesday in order to be consistent.
- A note should be added indicating that final exams for summer will be the last day of class.

Everyone should get feedback from stakeholders. The calendars will be approved at the next meeting.