

Academic Calendar Committee  
October 30, 2015

In attendance: Tiffany Evans, Sandie Waters, LuAnn Smith, Matthew Robins, Newell Dayley, Frank Young, Mark Bracken, Cynthia Wong, Lya Santa Maria, Shauna Reher

**Action Items: 2016-2017 Calendar**

- Fall Break is not lined up with UEA. Ours is scheduled for Oct. 13-15 and UEA is Oct. 20-21.
- The pace board voted unanimously to move it.
- The student council voted unanimously to move it.

It was recommended that Fall Break should be moved to Oct. 20-21.

Tiffany Evans motioned to approve. Passed unanimously.

**Summer Schedule 2017**

- Summer 2017 has been moved from two 7-week terms to two 6-week terms. A discussion was held about the ramifications of this change. Some concerns expressed were:
  - Standard start times will need to be changed.
  - Classes will have to be lengthened resulting in overlap and less options for students.
  - Courses cannot be accredited if differs in time and curriculum from Fall & Spring.
  - There will not be enough time for labs. Some classes will have to request part of term status so they can be held for 7 or 8 weeks. Students will only be able to take one class instead of two over the summer.
  - Concern over student learning in such a short time.
  - The main reasons for the switch were to accommodate semester breaks and starting the semester on a Monday.
- Facilities is okay with one week.
- Re-imaging computers will be challenging, but Gary Hooper and Kim Leseburg felt it could be done.

It was recommended that Summer semester start on a Wednesday and have a one week break between Summer and Fall semesters so it will move back to two 7-week terms instead of two 6-week terms.

Newell Dayley motioned to approve. Lya Santa Maria seconded. Passed unanimously.

## **Reading Day**

- Matthew Robins reported that most students do not know what a reading day is.
- The majority of students do not want to shorten any holidays to have a day off before finals.
- Students would like to keep it the day after President's Day.
- Only 5 out of 32 wanted a reading day.
- Students would like to change the name to avoid confusion.

It was recommended that the name be changed to President's Day Holiday.

Lya Santa Maria motioned to approve. Cynthia Wong seconded. Passed unanimously.