MEMORANDUM

TO: Professor Jim Woosley
    Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: 2015-2016, 2016-2017 University Academic Calendars

 Attached are the proposed 2015-2016 Academic Calendar and an abbreviated projection of the 2016-2017 Academic Calendar. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §662, Texas A&M University will observe 14 holidays during the 2014-2015 academic year. These holidays are observed in accordance with TAMU System policy and will allow for sufficient class meeting time as established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

 Semester start dates are governed by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Common Calendar and by guidelines established by the TAMU Ad Hoc Committee on the Academic Calendar in 1995. The THECB Common Calendar provides the earliest possible date on which an institution may begin each semester. TAMU guidelines establish the preferred day of the week for beginning semesters, the week classes should begin relative to national holidays, when reading days should occur, and when final exams should take place. Further, these guidelines establish “redefined” days to make up contact hours missed on holidays and reading days.

 These calendars reflect changes, recommended by the Graduation Ceremony Task Force and approved by Dr. Hussey, to allow for additional Graduation ceremonies in May as needed to accommodate the increasing number of students receiving their degrees each year. The changes, which become effective with the upcoming spring 2015 calendar, include the removal of one of the two reading days at the end of the fall and spring semesters. In the spring semester, this change will result in final examinations beginning on Thursday and ending on Tuesday, which will allow additional May Commencement ceremonies to begin on Thursday. In the fall, a reading day is to be observed on the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving holiday. This reading day will be made up by an additional class day at the end of the term, such that fall semester classes will end on a Wednesday. Finally, these calendars no longer include “Prep Days,” or days on which no final exams are to be given, at the end of the term.

 Please review the attached drafts. Your feedback is requested before these calendars are submitted to Dr. Hussey through Dr. Watson for approval. All feedback or requests for modified calendars should be returned to the Office of the Registrar before October 1, 2014 for consideration in the final calendar proposal.

 If you have any questions or would like additional information about any aspect of the Academic Calendar, please feel free to contact me at (979) 845-1145. Thank you for your time and consideration.

 Venesa A. Heidick
 Registrar
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
PROPOSED 2015-2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2015*

August 19  Wednesday. Graduation application opens for all students planning to graduate in December 2015.

August 28  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to register for fall semester classes and pay fees.

August 31  Monday. First day of fall semester classes.

September 4  Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping courses for the fall semester.

September 30  Wednesday. Undergraduate degree plan approval deadline.

October 2  Friday. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in December without a late fee.

October 19  Monday, noon. Mid-semester grades due.

Nov 12 – Dec 1  Thursday-Tuesday. Preregistration for 2016 spring semester.


November 20  Friday, 5 p.m.

- Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop).
- Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type.
- Last day to officially withdraw from the University.

November 25  Wednesday. Reading day, no classes.

November 26-27  Thursday-Friday. Thanksgiving holiday.

December 7  Monday. Redefined day, students attend their Friday classes.

December 8  Tuesday. Redefined day, students attend their Thursday classes.

December 9  Wednesday.

- Last day of fall semester classes.
- Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in December.

December 10  Thursday. Reading day, no classes.

December 11, 14-16  Friday, Monday-Wednesday. Fall semester final examinations for all students.

December 17  Thursday, 6 p.m. Grades due for degree candidates.

December 18  Friday.

- Commencement and Commissioning.
- Last day for December undergraduate degree candidates to apply for Tuition Rebate, 5 p.m.

December 21  Monday, noon. Final grades for all students due.

Dec 23 – Jan 1  Wednesday -Friday. Faculty and Staff holiday.

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January 6 Wednesday. Graduation application opens for all students planning to graduate in May 2016.
January 15 Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to register for spring semester classes and pay fees.
January 18 Monday. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Faculty and Staff holiday.
January 19 Tuesday. First day of spring semester classes.
January 25 Monday, 5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping courses for the spring semester.
February 19 Friday. Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in May without a late fee.
March 7 Monday, noon. Mid-semester grades due.
March 14-18 Monday-Friday. Spring break.
March 18 Friday. Faculty and Staff holiday.
March 25 Friday. Reading day, no classes
April 7-22 Thursday-Friday. Preregistration for the 2016 first term, second term, 10-week summer semester and fall semester.
April 19 Tuesday, 5 p.m.
• Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty (Q-drop).
• Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type.
• Last day to officially withdraw from the University.
April 21 Thursday. Muster. Campus ceremony.
May 3 Tuesday.
• Last day of spring semester classes.
• Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in May.
• Redefined day, students attend their Friday classes.
May 4 Wednesday. Reading day, no classes.
May 5-6, 9-10 Thursday-Friday, Monday-Tuesday. Spring semester final examinations for all students.
May 11 Wednesday, 6 p.m. Grades for degree candidates due.
May 12-14 Thursday-Saturday. Commencement and Commissioning.
May 13 Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for May undergraduate degree candidates to apply for Tuition Rebate.
May 16 Monday, noon. Final grades for all students.

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

PROPOSED 2015-2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Spring Semester 2016*

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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
PROPOSED 2015-2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Summer Session 2016*

May 18    Wednesday. Graduation application opens for all students planning to graduate in August 2016.
May 27    Friday, 5 p.m. Last day to register for first term and 10-week semester and pay fees.
May 30    Monday. Memorial Day. Faculty and Staff holiday.
May 31    Tuesday. First day of first term and 10-week semester classes.
June 3    Friday, 5 p.m. Last day for adding/dropping for the first term and the 10-week semester.
June 20   Monday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty for the first term (Q-drop).
  • Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type for first term.
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University for first term.
July 1    Friday. Last day of first term classes.
July 5    Tuesday.
  • First term final examinations.
  • No 10-week semester classes.
  • Last day to register for the second term and pay fees, 5 p.m.
July 6    Wednesday. First day of second term classes.
July 8    Friday. First term final grades due at noon.
July 11   Monday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for adding/dropping courses for the second term.
  • Last day to apply for degrees to be awarded in August without a late fee.
July 20   Wednesday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty for the 10-week semester (Q-drop).
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University for 10-week semester.
July 26   Tuesday, 5 p.m.
  • Last day for all students to drop courses with no penalty for the second term (Q-drop).
  • Last day to change Kinesiology 198/199 grade type for second term.
  • Last day to officially withdraw from the University for second term.
August 8  Monday.
  • Last day of second term and 10-week semester classes.
  • Last day to apply for all degrees to be awarded in August.
August 9-10 Tuesday-Wednesday. Second term and 10-week semester final examinations for all students.
August 11  Thursday, noon. Grades due for degree candidates.
August 12  Friday.
  • Commencement and Commissioning.
  • Last day for August undergraduate degree candidates to apply for Tuition Rebate, 5 p.m.
August 13  Saturday. Texas A&M University at Galveston Commencement.
August 15  Monday, noon. Final grades for second term and 10-week semester due.

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# Proposed Abbreviated Academic Calendar, 2016-2017

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