Electronic vote to Revise Academic Calendar Rules
FOR: 26   Against:  13   Abs:  0
Motion is passed
Changes effective for the 2021-2022 calendar

Existing Rules for Calendar Committee

The Jewish holidays need to be considered when making decisions on fall start date, when break(s) are, or if we need days of the week that act as other scheduled day (ex. A Tuesday that is a Monday).

Amendments 2018

Electronic vote to change “national holidays” to “New York State Holidays”
For: 28   Against:  8  Abs:  1
Motion is passed

The academic calendar should be consistent with other academic institutions and be aware of New York State holidays

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Full instructional-weeks are preferred. Monday semester starts are preferred.

December 22 is the latest date we could work with for commencement

Avoid redefining days as much as possible: Mon is a Tues, etc

Try to keep spring break on the 8th week or later to help with logistics for those who do student teaching

SUNYAC games begin in the end of March; it will be good to have the break before they start giving spring-sports athletes an opportunity for a southern trip to get some of their schedule in early during spring break. This will also avoid too many during-the-week away games in these sports’ schedules, keeping the athletes in classes

Leave enough time for winter session

No classes on Good Friday in Spring (amended the policy to include Saturday as well in Fall 2013)

No classes on Labor Day

A 1-day Fall Break added to the schedule whenever possible close to the middle of the fall semester. (added 2009)
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When the evening before either High Holy Day (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) is on a class day, we will hold no classes in that evening (classes that begin after 4:00 pm). (proposed 2014)

There shall be no classes on the first full day of either High Holy Days. (proposed 2014)

There shall be no classes on the second full day of Rosh Hashanah. (proposed 2014)

Note: For a 3-credit course a minimum of 2,250 minutes of class-room instruction is needed; the 120-minute final exam should be included in determining total instruction time. We already have policies in place for not having classes on Jewish holidays or Good Friday.

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The Committee will publish and distribute the following statement regarding religious observances and a calendar of potential dates that might be impacted. Any students who are unable, because of their religious beliefs, to attend classes on a particular day or days shall be excused from any examination or any study or work requirements that they may have missed because of such absence. Faculty are asked to keep the list of potential observance dates in mind when scheduling examinations or major assignment due dates.

Electronic vote to remove paragraph: For 27 Against 4 Abstain 1
Motion is passed

Faculty and staff who are unable, because of their religious beliefs, to work on a particular day or days may request an accommodation from their supervisors. Supervisors should take into consider the campus’s Non-Discrimination Policy when making a decision on this request.
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