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## MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

1. Ms. Spiggle, Moderator, called the special meeting of the University Senate of September 30, 2002 to order at 4:03 p.m. in Room 7, Bishop Center.

The agenda of the meeting was limited to consideration of the Proposal for Revision of the University Calendar of April 8, 2002 and any amendments pertaining thereto.

2. Mr. Gianutsos reintroduced the proposed calendar and moved the following:

It is **moved** that the Senate Rules and Regulations be amended as follows (old language ~~struck out~~, new language underlined):

## 2.H UNIVERSITY CALENDAR

The Academic calendar will be determined according to the schedule given (see appendix) and will adhere to the following principles:

1. There will be two semesters each year with ~~70 days~~ 14 weeks (70 class days) of classes plus six to eight days of examinations in each. The semesters will begin on Monday and end on Friday. ~~When possible, there~~ There will be two calendar days between the last day of classes and the first day of final examinations which shall be known as Reading Days.
- ~~2. Fall Semester examinations will end no later than December 23<sup>rd</sup>.~~
- ~~23.~~ The general class schedule will be shown in the appendix.
- ~~34.~~ Fall semesters will adhere to the following principles:
  - a. ~~Classes shall begin on the Wednesday prior to Labor Day, except in years when Labor Day falls on September 7, in which case classes will begin on the Tuesday prior to Labor Day~~ on the Monday preceding Labor Day.
  - b. ~~Residence Halls shall open by the Sunday preceding this Wednesday no later than the weekend before classes start.~~
  - c. ~~The Friday of the first week of classes shall be designated as a Monday for class schedules~~ Friday evening and Saturday of the week in which Labor Day falls will be scheduled as a make up day for Monday classes.
  - ~~d. Classes shall not meet on the second Monday of October.~~

Classes shall not meet on Labor Day.

    - ~~1. In those years in which Labor Day falls on September 7<sup>th</sup>, classes shall meet on the Wednesday of Thanksgiving Week in order to compensate for the class meetings lost on the second Monday in October. Furthermore, there shall be only one Reading Day after the last class day and prior to the beginning of final examinations in order that final examinations shall end on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Instructors may require that students registered in Monday laboratories shall make up laboratories later in the same week as the Monday holiday. If necessary, such make up laboratories may be scheduled on Saturday mornings.~~
    - ~~2. In those years in which Labor Day falls on September 6<sup>th</sup>, the reading period shall be shortened to one Reading Day in order that final examinations will end on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.~~
  - e. Classes shall not meet on the week of Thanksgiving.

5. Spring Semesters will adhere to the following principles:
  - a. Spring semester classes shall begin on the ~~Wednesday falling between January 20<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>~~ the second Monday of January.
  - b. Residence Halls shall open ~~by the Sunday preceding this Wednesday no later than the weekend before classes start.~~
  - c. A Spring recess (Spring Break) of one week's duration will be scheduled ~~seven and one half weeks after this Wednesday~~ beginning on the eighth Monday of the semester.
  - d. ~~Ten days following that, classes will recommence running six and one half weeks to a Tuesday, which shall be the last day of classes. Classes shall not meet on Martin Luther King Day. Friday evening and Saturday of the week in which Martin Luther King Day falls will be scheduled as a make up day for Monday classes.~~
  - e. ~~There shall be two Reading Days, except in years when Labor Day falls on September 7<sup>th</sup>, in which case classes will begin on the Tuesday prior to Labor Day.~~ Commencement will be held on the weekend ~~after~~ at the end of final examinations.

Mr. Gianutsos presented the rationale behind the proposal and typical schedules.

Mr. Schaefer **moved** that the Senate follow the following procedure prior to voting on the proposal:

- 1) poll faculty, staff and students to determine whether these groups approve or disapprove of the proposed changes;
- 2) ask each department, or school without departments, to take a similar advisory vote; and
- 3) report the results of 1) and 2) back to the Senate **before** a vote is taken on the calendar changes.

Mr. Brown **moved** to table the Schaefer motion. The motion to table was seconded and approved by voice vote.

Mr. Mannheim **moved** to amend the proposal to fix the winter break at five weeks duration. The motion to amend was seconded and defeated by voice vote.

Mr. Mannheim **moved** to amend the proposal to fix the winter break at four weeks duration.

Following discussion, Ms. Polifroni **moved** to close debate. The motion passed.

The second Mannheim amendment failed by a show of hands (24 or 26 in favor, 30 against).

Mr. Mannheim **moved** to amend the proposal to use the previous Friday as the make up day for Martin Luther King Day and Labor Day.

Mr. Halvorson requested that Mr. Dashefsky be recognized to address the Senate. The request was approved.

Following extensive discussion, the question was called (seconded, approved).

The third Mannheim amendment was defeated by voice vote.

Mr. Sidney **moved** to amend the proposal to reflect the following statements:

If the fall semester begins one week before Labor Day, classes should be held on Labor Day rather than on the Saturday after.

If the spring semester begins one week before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, classes should be held on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day rather than on the Saturday after.

Mr. Schaefer **moved** to call the question (seconded). The motion to call the question was approved on voice vote.

The Sidney amendment failed on a voice vote.

Mr. Schaefer **moved** to remove his procedural motion from the table (seconded). The motion was approved.

Following discussion, the Schaefer motion was defeated on a voice vote.

3. Mr. Halvorson **moved** to adjourn. The motion was approved by standing vote.

4. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Jordan, Co-Secretary

The following members and alternates were absent from the September 30, 2002 meeting:

Alissi, Albert  
Aronson, Lorraine  
Austin, Philip  
Beliveau, Barbara  
Bowman, Larry  
Bravo-Ureta, Boris  
Breen, Margaret  
Dreyfuss, Dale  
English, Gary

Flanery, Trudy  
Greger, Janet  
Hussein, Mohamed  
Jeffers, Robert  
Kendall, Debra  
Luh, Peter  
O'Donnell, James  
Ouimette, David  
Paul, Jeremy  
Phillips, Jerry

Purzycki, Jason  
Rodin, Krista  
Ross, Stephen  
Smith, Winthrop  
Stwalley, William  
Taylor, Ronald  
Thorson, Robert  
Woods, David  
Zirakzadeh, C. Ernesto