



Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Draft Amendment - PPM 200-05

June 12, 2015

PPM 200-25, Academic and Administrative Calendar. Purpose: Replaces calendars, currently found on the Registrar's website, with the policy and procedures for establishing the official academic calendar, and the guidelines used in developing the calendar prior to approval.

Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (ENGINEERING)

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Thursday, May 28, 2015

To: Andre Knoesen, Chair
Davis Division of the Academic Senate

From: Niels Grønbech-Jensen, Chair
College of Engineering Faculty Executive Committee

SUBJECT: Guidelines for Establishing the Academic and Administrative Calendars

The Executive Committee is making the following observation in regards to proposed Section II.B. This section seems well intended, but open to continued discussions and challenges.

Are the major religions defined as a named list? If so, who defined them, and were representatives from the then minor religions consulted? Pursuing this route, it seems necessary to produce a specific list of defined holidays that should be observed in the manner proposed. This opens the question if a public university can give special consideration to religious holidays of some religions (and not others)? If so, is this to be interpreted as if we implicitly impose the holidays of some religions upon those, who do not subscribe to the "approved" religions. Even if limited to "residence hall move-in days, and campus-wide welcome events" the proposed policy constitutes observance of religious holidays. Section II.B.2 is vague and also open for multiple interpretations. What is a conflict, and what is a reasonable accommodation? One may consider either a better defined meaning of the text or striking II.B entirely.

Graduate Council

June 8, 2015 11:55 AM

Graduate Council met on Friday, June 5, 2015 and discussed the Draft Amendment to PPM 200-05. Council concurred with the proposed amendment and supported the suggested policy and procedures for establishing the official academic calendar, as outlined in the RFC document.

Undergraduate Council

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Undergraduate Council sees no academic issues with this amendment.