



# **Davis Division Academic Senate**

## **Request for Consultation Responses**

### **Academic Calendar Proposal 2016----2023**

**June 12, 2014**

The UC Davis Registrar has forwarded an academic calendar proposal for academic years 2016-17 through 2022-23 for feedback. The Registrar included background materials including student requests and UC policy.

# **Affirmative Action & Diversity**

**June 4, 2014 9:46 AM**

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The committee on Affirmative Action & Diversity supports the Student Calendar in Appendix B with no Saturday finals.

# **Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (ENGINEERING)**

**May 13, 2014 2:23 PM**

The College of Engineering Executive Committee has no objection to the proposed calendars.

# **Council of School & College Faculty Chairs (LS: SOC SCI)**

**June 2, 2014 4:44 PM**

The L&S Executive Committee discussed this matter and approved everything except having a final exam on Friday for a course that ends the day before. It should be possible to schedule exams for such courses on days other than the next day.

# Faculty Welfare

**May 22, 2014 10:21 AM**

he FWC has the following response to the four questions : (a) no, (b) no, (c) & (d) no preference as these choices can be left up to the students. In addition, the committee strongly encourages the adoption of a calendar that (1) is as consistent as possible from term to term for courses that are taught multiple quarters and (2) has equal numbers of individual weekdays per quarter for uniformity in classes (e.g. laboratory or discussion) that have multiple sections meeting throughout the week

# **Graduate Council**

**June 11, 2014 2:31 PM**

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June 9, 2014

**RFC: Academic Calendar Proposal 2016 – 2023**

The Graduate Council accepted the recommendations of the Academic Planning and Development (APD) Committee in consideration of the above-mentioned Academic Senate Request for Consultation (AS RFC).

The Graduate Council accepted the recommendations, as follows, from the APD Committee.

The Academic Planning and Development (APD) Committee met on May 6, 2014 and May 22, 2014 and considered the proposed 2016 – 2023 Academic Calendar.

APD discussed possible direct and indirect implications of the different proposed calendars on graduate education. Graduate students, both as TA's/ instructors and as students taking classes, could be slightly affected by the lack of a dead day in one scenario. Discussion also arose that while holidays associated with some religions seemed to be recognized in the calendar's scheduling, other religions' holidays were not apparently honored, despite a significant number of students self-identifying as following these religions.

The Graduate Council submits the APD committee's comments, as accepted by consensus, at our June 9, 2014 meeting, as the Council's assessment of the "Academic Calendar Proposal 2016 – 2023" RFC.

Sincerely,



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Graduate Council

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C: Gina Anderson, Academic Senate Executive Director

# **Undergraduate Council**

**May 20, 2014 1:14 PM**

The undergraduate Council endorses the standard system calendar and asks for consideration to negotiate future calendars that eliminate any Saturday finals.