

Senate Calendar Committee

Monday 04 December, 11 a.m., Zoom

Attendance: Richard Charnigo (chair), Christine Harper (ex-officio), Kim Taylor (ex-officio), ToniMarie Marchioni, Nicky Lewis, Kaveh Tagavi

1. Not yet having received an amended version of the request from Graduate Council concerning an international students' summer application deadline, the Calendar Committee deferred further consideration to a later time.

2. The Calendar Committee further discussed the request from the Senate Rules and Elections Committee regarding preparation days during summer session. There was some concern that having prep days be course-specific might be confusing to students and faculty, especially if a formula were needed to calculate the number of prep days in each case. A suggestion was made to have a simple rule, namely that any class of lesser duration than a full-length Fall or Spring semester course (thus, every class during Summer session or Winter intersession) should have a single prep day preceding its final examination. After considering the logistical challenge associated with trying to offer a reading day as well, the Calendar Committee converged to agreement on the simple rule. Without a quorum of voting members, the Calendar Committee did not have a formal vote at the meeting, but a formal vote will be conducted electronically later.

3. The Calendar Committee discussed a request from the BSN program concerning preparation and reading days for half-length courses in the Fall and Spring semesters. The BSN program requested approval for modification of an existing arrangement, such that a Monday preceding final examinations (there would be two such Mondays each Fall and Spring semester) would be a reading day and there would be no other preparation or reading days associated with the half-length courses. The Calendar Committee noted that the BSN program request would align with the simple rule proposed above if the Monday were a preparation day rather than a reading day; would the proposer be agreeable to this? Two other questions raised were whether students with weekend religious obligations could be accommodated (addition of weekend rotations was an impetus for modifying the existing arrangement) and how many of the students taking half-length courses were also taking full-length courses in the Fall and Spring semesters. Without a quorum of voting members, and with questions for the proposer to answer, the Calendar Committee did not have a formal vote at the meeting, but a formal vote will be conducted electronically later.