

Item "C"

The Senate Council recommends two changes to the academic calendar rules; these proposed changes originated in the Lexington Community College and primarily affect LCC.

1) Amending Rule 2.1.1 to allow LCC to have a separate calendar. The rationale for this proposal is to try to keep the official University calendar as uncluttered as possible. LCC has always had its own calendar so we would be changing the rule to correspond to practice.

2) The weekend examination proposals (amendments to Rules 2.1.2 and 5.2.4.6) are offered to deal with weekend classes now being offered at LCC and University Extension.

Implementation Date: Upon Passage, 2001

Proposal to Revise University Senate Rules 2.1.1 E and 5.2.4.6

2.0 SECTION II RULES RELATING TO CALENDAR

2.1.1 POLICY GUIDELINES

E The Friday, ~~and~~ Saturday **and Sunday** after Thanksgiving Day shall be declared academic holidays.

H Due to special scheduling problems in the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry and Law, **and Lexington Community College**, special calendars may be adopted for these Colleges. They shall prepare calendars at least three years in advance, forwarding them to the Registrar to be presented to the University Senate Council, along with the University calendar, for approval. Such calendars shall conform with the University calendar as nearly as possible.

2.1.2 TIMING OF SEMESTERS

A Fall Semester

When Labor Day falls on September 1 or 2, classes will start on the Wednesday before Labor Day. When Labor Day falls on September 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7, classes will start on the Wednesday 12 days before Labor Day. The last day of classes will be on a Friday. Examinations will run for 5 days, Monday through Friday. **Final examinations for weekend classes will be administered the weekend before this 5 day period.** (US: 12/10/84; US: 3/20/95)

B Spring Semester

The Spring semester classes will start on a Wednesday approximately 26 days after the last day of final examinations for the Fall Semester. When the Fall Semester starts on the Wednesday before Labor Day, the subsequent Spring Semester will begin on January 14, or 15. When the Fall Semester starts a week earlier, the Spring Semester will start on January 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13. The final day of classes will be a Friday. Final examinations will run for 5 days, Monday through Friday. **Final examinations for weekend classes will be administered the weekend before this 5 day period.** (US: 3/20/95)

5.0 SECTION V RULES RELATING TO ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY

5.2.4 ACADEMIC STANDARDS

5.2.4.6 Final Examinations

If a final examination is to be given, it will be administered during the examination period as scheduled by the Registrar for the semesters of the regular school year. These examination periods will utilize the last 5 days of each semester, and will be preceded by a study day or weekend on which no classes or examinations **for weekday classes** will be scheduled. **Final examinations for weekend classes will be administered the weekend before this 5 day period and need not be preceded by a study day.**

Rationale: The current rules concerning calendars and final examinations do not address weekend classes. Lexington Community College offers weekend classes, currently held on Friday evening, Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday afternoon, and therefore needs guidelines for these courses. The proposed final examination schedule is what is currently used for Saturday classes offered through University Extension.

To meet the needs of different student populations, Lexington Community College is offering courses in several different time frames. The proposed change would allow the College flexibility in developing a calendar that addresses the issues resulting from these varied schedules.