

University Senate  
March 19, 2007

Recommendation from Senate Council's ad hoc Calendar Committee  
(Modifications to Fall Break)  
DISCUSSION ONLY

The Senate Council's ad hoc Calendar Committee (CC) first brought recommendations to the Senate Council on May 8, 2006. The original proposal included revisions to both the fall and spring semesters. However, invited representatives from the Offices of the Registrar and Student Affairs expressed concern that the proposed revisions that changed the first day of classes would negatively affect the fall pre-semester activities for freshmen.

At that meeting, the Senate Council voted to send the proposal back to the CC for further discussion in order to address the concerns raised. Due to the massive changes involved with revising the fall and spring semesters and the summer sessions, the chair of the CC, Ernie Yanarella, decided that the CC would be most effective by focusing on the issue of fall break.

Yanarella subsequently met with representatives from the Registrar and Student Affairs to discuss the issues with revising the fall semester portion of the university calendar. At that meeting, a revised proposal was tentatively agreed upon by those representatives.

During the March 5, 2007 Senate Council meeting, the Senate Council formally received the report of the CC. In addition, the SC voted to send to the Senate the proposal to revise the university calendar, first for discussion and then, later, for action.

**ITEM FOR DISCUSSION:**

**Recommendation from CC (and Senate Council):**

- **Decrease fall teaching days by two & eliminate fall break day;**
- **Offer Fall Break coinciding with the week of Thanksgiving; and**
- **Retain end of semester and exam week as currently scheduled.**

**Rationale: Spring semester's teaching days are routinely 1-2 days fewer than fall semester's. The proposal preserves the pre-semester Kentucky Welcome and other activities that ramp up to the new academic year.**