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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Dr. Joe Chappell, Faculty Senator, College of Agriculture  
**FROM:** Advising Network Executive Committee  
**RE:** Amended Proposed Change in Senate Rule 2.1.2 (Academic Calendar)

The University of Kentucky Advising Network Executive Committee strongly supports the suggested amended changes to the proposed changes to university academic calendar submitted on April 9, 2009 (Senate Rule 2.1.2) as indicated below based on the concerns expressed by Auxiliary Services and others.

1. That the Fall semester begin the third or fourth Wednesday in August. The start date should be chosen to allow for a minimum of 5 (five) full working days between the end of the Fall academic Semester and the beginning of the University's December holiday season break. The Fall Semester shall last 16 weeks to include finals week.
2. All other currently instituted University Calendar scheduling practices remain unchanged—i.e., that:
  - a. the Spring semester begin as currently instituted the second Wednesday in January and last 16 weeks including finals week;
  - b. the Summer I session begin on the first Tuesday after the end of the Spring semester and last 4 weeks (20 days); and
  - c. the Summer II session begin the first Thursday after the end of the first summer session ends and will last 8 weeks (40 days).

If the changes are approved it will greatly improve the ability of the advising staff who are contacting and assisting students with academic problems and improving retention rates. Colleges will have time to confirm degrees prior to the holiday break and opening of the spring term. The Registrar's Office will be better able to prepare accurate and timely reports for colleges and fulfill transcript requests prior to the holiday closing. It will set a permanent time for each semester to begin and avoid the conflict of graduation and Derby.

If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the Advising Network, Erica Caton at 257-8712 or [ecato2@uky.edu](mailto:ecato2@uky.edu).

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Calendar Change Proposal

Year	Current Fall Start date	Current Fall End Date	Current Fall Grades Due	Working Days After Fall End To Winter Break Start 12/25	Proposed Fall Start Date	Proposed Fall End Date	Proposed Fall Grades Due	Proposed Working Days After Fall End To Winter Break Start 12/25	Spring State Date
2013-14	28-Aug	20-Dec	23-Dec	2	21-Aug	13-Dec	16-Dec	7	8-Jan
2014-15	27-Aug	19-Dec	22-Dec	3	20-Aug	12-Dec	15-Dec	8	7-Jan
2015-16	26-Aug	18-Dec	21-Dec	4	19-Aug	11-Dec	14-Dec	9	13-Jan
2016-17	24-Aug	16-Dec	19-Dec	5	Same			5	11-Jan
2017-18	23-Aug	15-Dec	18-Dec	5	same			5	10-Jan
2018-19	22-Aug	14-Dec	17-Dec	6	same			6	9-Jan
2019-20	28-Aug	20-Dec	23-Dec	2	21-Aug	13-Dec	16-Dec	7	8-Jan
2020-21	26-Aug	19-Dec	21-Dec	4	19-Aug	12-Dec	15-Dec	8	12-Jan