

Calendar Committee: Request for input from the Senate

Based on faculty input, the Calendar Committee has generated a configuration of the calendar which shortens the summer semester to nine weeks, without a loss of contact hours, and a configuration which shortens the fall and spring semesters from 75 to 73 days. ♦ Calendars are presently approved through summer 2005. ♦ The Committee is working toward proposal to the Senate of calendars for fall 2005 through summer 2007. ♦

The Committee requests input from the Senate at the Senate's March 9 meeting as to what consideration the Senate might give to a proposal from the Committee based on either of these two new configurations. ♦ The configuration of the calendar which shortens the summer to nine weeks would include an 8-day break between summer and fall semesters, a 5- to 6-day break between spring and summer, and the same 13-15-day break between fall and spring as the university calendar presently includes. ♦ The configuration of the calendar which shortens the fall and spring semesters from 75 to 73 days would include an 8- to 9-day break between summer and fall, an 8- to 9-day break between spring and summer, and the 13- to 15-day break between fall and spring which presently exists. ♦ Finally, the Committee has generated and discussed a configuration like the present university calendar: ♦ 75-day fall and spring semesters and 10-week summer semesters. ♦ That configuration would provide the 13- to 15-day break between fall and spring semesters that is consistent among all three of these configurations, a 5- to 6-day break between summer and fall, and a 5- to 6-day break between spring and summer.

The goal of both new configurations is to create breaks between terms throughout the year, not only during the winter holiday season, as near 10 days as the Committee could achieve. ♦ The Committee's work on the two new configurations stemmed from concerns in programs where some faculty teach twelve months of the calendar year.

