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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	August 15 2014
FROM	Jo Hinchliffe, Associate Registrar Secretary, Senate Calendar Committee		
RE:	Academic Dates 2015-2017		

At its meeting of August 14 2014 the Calendar committee reviewed, for approval by Senate, the schedule of dates for future semesters commencing Fall 2015 and finishing Summer of 2017.

The committee has taken into account the various factors including teaching requirements, orientation requirements, statutory holidays and believe we have developed a schedule that accommodates all concerns.

SFU has a three-term in-take system, which challenges the university when it comes to orienting new students at the beginning of each term, and also evaluating students' academic standing or graduation eligibility at the end of each term. In order to provide students with the best academic and university experience, the following principles have been adopted in determining the optimal academic calendar of dates.

Principles

1. Each semester has 63 teaching days. (Senate Paper 03-56)
2. Exams may be scheduled on Sunday if required. (Senate Paper 05-127)
3. There is a week long Reading break in February of each year starting in 2011 (Senate Paper 08-70)
4. All instructors submit grades on-line by the deadline date to allow for quicker end-of-term evaluations.
5. Orientation for new students is a vital component for student retention, development and creating a positive university experience.

Motion:

“That Senate approve the Schedule of Academic Dates 2015-2017.”

Academic Year September 2015- August 2016

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NOVEMBER	November 11: Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday	November 2016						
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JANUARY	January 2: New Year's Day Statutory Holiday January 3: Orientation January 4: Classes start	January 2017						
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FEBRUARY	February 13: Family Day February 14-19: Reading Break	February 2017						
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MARCH		March 2017						
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