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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION	Senate	DATE	July 13, 2016
FROM	Jo Hinchliffe, Associate Registrar Secretary, Senate Calendar Committee	<i>Joli</i>	
RE:	Academic Dates 2017-2019		

At its meeting of May 4 2016, the Calendar committee reviewed, for approval by Senate, the schedule of dates for future semesters commencing Fall 2017 and finishing Summer of 2019.

The committee recognizes the short amount of time allotted for orientation and residence “move in” and considered starting the Spring terms on Mondays. However, moving the start date later has a significant impact on other terms that was untenable. 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 to the best of our ability.

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. Exams should be avoided on the Saturday/Sunday of Easter weekend. (Senate Paper 14-102a)
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 2017-2019.”

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