

PRESIDENTIAL POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 228

TO: All Faculty
FROM: Charles W. Steger
DATE: August 30, 2003
SUBJECT: Revision of University Calendar Criteria (balances semesters by reducing number of class days in fall semester by one)

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Approved by the President: May 5, 2003
Effective Date: 2005-06 Academic Year

The University Council, on recommendation of the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, approved a resolution concerning a revision of the university calendar criteria. Following is the rationale behind the resolution as adopted by University Council.

The University stipulated per Presidential Policy No. 221 that no classes be held on the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which in effect reduces the number of class days in the spring semester to 72, and

The university's calendar criteria stipulates that the fall and spring semesters shall be of equal length, and therefore does not accommodate the loss of one instructional day (i.e., MLK holiday) in the academic year;

No viable alternatives were identified to recover the lost class day during the spring semester, and students and faculty currently have 60 to 65 days before a break during fall semester;

THEREFORE, effective with the 2005-06 academic year, the university calendar criteria are revised as follows:

- Restate the number of class days for each semester as 72 days.
- Include a long weekend break in October to allow a short break in fall semester.
- All other criteria remains as previously stated.

Note: This resolution has no effect on faculty and staff. It remains a work day for faculty and classified staff.

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