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Leonard, Cynthia G; Cochran, Angela M

Subject:

Academic Calendar Committee Meeting (Natalie participates by phone) (initial meeting

to discuss the proposal to change the academic calendar and create a plan for

gathering information and seeking input)

Attachments:

Spring Semester Proposals V2.xlsx

Dear all,

Kurt created a spreadsheet that shows possible configurations for the spring semester. I added three columns to Kurt's calendar: (1) the date of fall graduation; (2) the number of weeks between fall graduation and the start of spring semester; (3) the number of days available for winterim, assuming a start date of 12/28 and an end date of the Friday prior to spring semester. I assumed that the latest date for fall graduation was 12/21.

ISU and UNI always start on the second Monday.

My conclusion from yesterday is that everyone is receptive to a change in the calendar, but that no one seemed very much in favor of what is called Proposal 1 on this spreadsheet. Proposal 1 only allows a 3-week break in 6 of 7 years, and has as few as 9 days available for winterim. Proposal 2 and 3 allow for a balance of 3 and 4 week breaks, and have a minimum of 11 days available for winterim. Proposal 3 keeps the number of Monday classes the same across years. In Proposal 3, we line up with ISU and UNI in 5 of 7 years. Let me know which proposal you favor.

It also seemed to me that everyone was in favor of a 12 week summer session that starts on the Monday after commencement, and that we would allow four week, six week and twelve week courses to be offered as the norm.

Let me know if I've misunderstood anything.

The next steps are to:

- Delineate an approval process
- Make sure that we have considered and, to the extent possible, dealt with unintended consequences; these may be discovered during the approval process

Thanks!

Beth.

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Holidays Start of Spring Semester Graduation

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