



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of Faculty Council (November 2, 2015)
Faculty Council (December 8, 2015)

From: Professor Graeme Norval
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date: October 15, 2015

Re: **Proposed Session Dates for the 2016-2017 Academic Year**

REPORT CLASSIFICATION

This is a major policy matter that will be considered by the Executive Committee for endorsing and forwarding to Faculty Council for vote as a regular motion (requiring a simple majority of members present and voting to carry).

BACKGROUND

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee is responsible for determining the session dates through consultation with the Colleges and Residences, as well as with the University holiday schedule. The curriculum model requires 12.8 weeks of term.

STRUCTURE

Proposed APSC Session Dates for 2016-2017

	APSC
First day of fall classes	Thursday Sept 8
Thanksgiving	Monday Oct 10
Last day of fall classes	Wednesday Dec 7
Exam Study Day	Thursday Dec 8
Fall exams start*	Friday Dec 9
Fall exams end	Tuesday Dec 20
Number of instructional days	64 days/12.8 weeks

First day of winter classes	Monday Jan 9
Reading Week	February 20-24
Last day of winter classes	Thursday April 13
Good Friday	Friday April 14
Winter exams start	Monday April 17
Winter exams end	Friday April 28
Number of instructional days	64 days/12.8 weeks

*Fall exam period will need to include exams on Saturday December 10 and 17 to give 10 examination days

Proposed APSC Session Dates for Summer 2016

May/June Term

Classes start May 9, 2016

Classes end June 23, 2016

Exam period June 24-29, 2016

Total of 33 instructional days (equivalent to a 13.2 week term, as courses will meet twice per week)

July/August Term

Classes start July 4, 2016

Classes end August 19, 2016

Exam period August 22-26, 2016

Total of 34 instruction days (equivalent to 13.6 week term, as courses will meet twice per week)

Tentative Session Dates for Summer 2017

May/June Term

Classes start May 8, 2017

Classes end June 23, 2017

Exam period June 26-29, 2017

Total of 34 instruction days (equivalent to a 13.6 week term, as courses will meet twice per week)

July/August Term

Classes start July 3, 2017

Classes end August 18, 2017

Exam period August 21-25, 2017

Total of 34 instruction days (equivalent to a 13.6 week term, as courses will meet twice per week)

PROCESS

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee is composed of representatives from each program; the Vice-Dean, Undergraduate Studies; the Chair, First Year; the Associate Dean, Cross-Disciplinary Programs; and the Registrar's Office. The Committee meets regularly, and reviews changes to the curriculum.

PROGRAM

All programs are involved in these changes, and the impact on students in the various programs has been considered.

PROPOSAL/MOTION

THAT the proposed session dates for the 2016-2017 academic year be approved.