



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of Faculty Council
Faculty Council (February 28, 2017)

From: Associate Professor Evan Bentz
Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date: February 24, 2017

Re: Revised Session Dates for Summer 2017

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.

Recently an error was discovered in the dates for Summer 2017, which were approved at the December 1, 2016 Faculty Council meeting. Revising these dates provides a much better schedule for students. It provides a week-long break following April exams and removes an unnecessary week lag between the end of May-June classes and the May-June exam period. It will also provide better alignment with University add/drop dates and refund schedules.

The revised dates pertain to the May-June 2017 term and are shown in red below. The previously approved dates for the July-August 2017 term do not require any adjustment.

STRUCTURE

Proposed APSC Session Dates for 2017-2018

	APSC
First day of fall classes	Thursday Sept 7
Thanksgiving	Monday Oct 9
Last day of fall classes	Wednesday Dec 6
Exam Study Day	Thursday Dec 7
Fall exams start*	Friday Dec 8
Fall exams end	Wednesday Dec 20
Number of instructional days	64 days/12.8 weeks
First day of winter classes	Monday Jan 8
Reading Week	February 19-23
Good Friday	Friday March 30
Last day of winter classes	Friday April 13
Winter study day	Monday April 16
Winter exams start	Tuesday April 17
Winter exams end	Monday April 30
Number of instructional days	64 days/12.8 weeks

Note that this schedule will require Saturday exams in the Fall of 2017

Revised APSC Session Dates for Summer 2017

May/June Term

Classes start May 8, 2017

Classes end June 22, 2017

Exam period June 23-30, 2017

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, 2017

Classes end August 18, 2017

Exam period August 21-25, 2017

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

Tentative Session Dates for Summer 2018

May/June Term

Classes start May 7, 2018

Classes end June 22, 2018

Exam period June 25-29, 2018

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, 2018

Classes end August 17, 2018

Exam period August 20-24, 2018

Total of 33 instruction days (equivalent to a 13.2 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 revised session dates for Summer (May-June) 2017 be approved as described in Report 3524 Revised, dated February 24, 2017.