



MEMORANDUM

To: Executive Committee of Faculty Council (November 4, 2014)
 Faculty Council (November 25, 2014)

From: Dr. Graeme Norval
 Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Date: October 17, 2014

Re: Proposed Session Dates for the 2015-2016 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 proposed session dates for the Academic Year – 2015-2016 are attached; these have been developed in consultation with the Faculty of Arts and Science and are consistent with the opening and closing dates for the residences in the Fall and Winter Sessions.

PROPOSED APSC SESSIONAL DATES FOR 2015-2016

	APSC
First Day of fall classes	Thursday Sept 10
Thanksgiving	Monday Oct 12
Last day of fall classes	Wednesday Dec 9
Exam Study Period	Thursday Dec 10
Fall Exams Start*	Friday Dec 11
Fall Exams End	Tuesday Dec 22
Number of instructional days	64 days/12.8 weeks
First day of winter classes	Monday Jan 4
Reading Week	February 15-19
Good Friday	Friday March 25

Last day of winter classes	Friday April 8
Exam Study Period	Monday April 11
Winter Exams Start	Tuesday April 12
Winter Exams End	Wednesday April 27
Emergency Exam Day	Thursday April 28
Number of instructional days	64 days/12.8 weeks

*Fall exam period will need to include exams on Saturday, December 12 and 19 to give ten examination days.

PROPOSED SESSION DATES FOR SUMMER 2015

May/June Term

Classes Start May 4, 2015

Classes End June 19, 2015

Exam period June 22-26, 2015

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

July/August Term

Classes Start June 29, 2015

Classes End August 14, 2015

Exam period August 17-21, 2015

Total of 33 instruction days (equivalent to 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.

PROGRAMS AFFECTED

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

RECOMMENDATION FOR FACULTY COUCIL

THAT the proposed session dates for the 2015-2016 academic year be approved.