TO: University Senate  
FROM: Barbara Polivka, Chair, Senate Rules Committee  
DATE: 5/20/2010

RE: Proposal to change faculty rules to reflect a semesters calendar

WHEREAS the University Senate on June 11, 2009 charged the University Senate Rules Committee to make the appropriate changes in the University Faculty Rules to reflect a semesters calendar;

WHEREAS the proposed set of changes defining a University Year were approved by the Rules Committee on February 8, 2010;

WHEREAS the proposed set of changes defining a University Year were approved by the Steering Committee on February 25, 2010;

WHEREAS the proposed set of changes defining a University Year were approved by the Faculty Council on March 4, 2010;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approves the proposed changes to Faculty Rules regarding semesters and the University Year and respectfully requests the concurrence of the Board of Trustees, said proposal to be effective upon commencement of the semesters calendar.

3335-8-35 Quarters, Semesters, sessions, and terms. University Year

(A) The university year shall be divided into four quarters of approximately twelve weeks each. For any college on a semester basis, the university year shall be divided into a summer session of approximately twelve weeks and two semesters of approximately eighteen weeks each. The summer quarter or session shall begin the university year and may be divided into two terms of approximately six weeks each. The university year shall include an autumn and spring semester, each of approximately sixteen weeks, a May session of approximately four weeks, and summer session of approximately eight weeks. Semesters and sessions are inclusive of instructional days, scheduled reading and exam days, and intra-semester breaks. The university year will begin in the autumn semester.

(B) The academic calendar, including the dates of the beginning and ending of each quarter, semester, and session, and term and of the several vacations and recesses within the year, finals schedule, and breaks shall be published in the appropriate university bulletins formats/media.