

TO: University Senate

**FROM: Anne Smith, Chair
Council on Enrollment and Student Progress**

DATE: May 21, 2009

WHEREAS the University Senate on March 12, 2009 approved a resolution to adopt a semester calendar with no fewer than 65 and, with the exception of professional colleges or academic disciplines whose accreditation standards require a longer term, no more than 70 days of instruction in each semester, to take effect no earlier than Autumn, 2012; and

WHEREAS the University Senate on March 12, 2009 approved in its resolution that the axioms and recommendations presented in the final report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Semesters guide the process of implementing the semester conversion, and that other semester models be considered in addition to the sole model presented in the final report; and

WHEREAS the University Senate on March 12, 2009 approved in its resolution that the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress bring the precise 2012 academic calendar to the University Senate for review and approval.

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University approved a resolution at its meeting on April 3, 2009 that The Ohio State University adopt a semester calendar to take effect no earlier than Autumn 2012; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the 2012-2013 semesters calendar presented by the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress be approved by the University Senate; and

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the University Senate Rules Committee make the appropriate changes in the University Faculty Rules to reflect a semesters system and present them at the June 11, 2009 meeting of the University Senate.

The Ohio State University Academic Calendar 2012-2013

Academic Year: 2012-2013	Autumn Semester 2012
Housing Move-in Day	Aug 19 (Sun)
Classes begin	Aug 22 (W)
Labor Day – no classes	Sept 3 (M)
Veteran’s Day – no classes	Nov 12 (M)
Thanksgiving – no classes	Nov 21-23 (W,R,F)
Classes end (70 days)	Dec 4 (T)
Reading Day – no classes	Dec 5 (W)
Final examinations	Dec 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 (R,F,M,T,W)
Autumn commencement	Dec 16 (Sun)

Academic Year: 2012-2013	Spring Semester 2013
Classes begin	Jan 7 (M)
M L King Day - no classes	Jan 21 (M)
Spring break-no classes	Feb 25-March 1 (M-F)
Classes end (70 days)	April 22 (M)
Reading Day-no classes	April 23 (T)
Final examinations	April 24, 25, 26, 29,30 (W,R,F,M,T)
Spring commencement	May 5 (Sun)

Academic Year: 2012-2013	May Term 2013
Classes begin	May 6 (M)
Memorial Day - no classes	May 27 (M)
Classes end (19 days)	May 31 (F)

Academic Year: 2012-2013	Summer Session 2013
Classes begin	June 10 (M)
Independence Day-no classes	July 4 (R)
Classes end (34 days)	July 26 (F)
Final examinations	July 29-31 (M-W)
Summer commencement	Aug 4 (Sun)

AUTUMN SEMESTER (70 instructional days)	Aug 22-Dec 16
# Reading Days	1
# Final Exam Days	5
Autumn Commencement	Dec 16
SPRING SEMESTER (70 instructional days)	Jan 7-May 5
# Reading Days	1
# Final Exam Days	5
Spring Commencement	May 5
May Term (19 instructional days)	May 6-31
Summer Session (34 instructional days)	June 10 – July 26
# Final Exam Days	3
Summer Commencement	August 4

Holidays:

- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veteran’s Day
- Thanksgiving and Columbus Day (2 days at Thanksgiving)
- Christmas and President’s Day (2 days at Christmas)

Anchors and Parameters Used in Creating Calendar

- Move-In Day for Au Semester on Sunday
- No classes on Wednesday before Thanksgiving
- Reading Day to Separate End of Classes and Exams
- Commencement on Sunday Attached to Finals Week
- Autumn Commencement on 3rd Sunday of December to avoid overlap with Holidays
- Near Equivalent Number of Days in Semesters
- Spring Semester Break near middle of Semester
- Short Term No Fewer than 19 Instructional Days
- Length of Full Semester: 70 days
- Summer Session Start to Accommodate K-12 Teachers
- Summer Session Half Length of Semesters