

Memorandum

To: University Senate

From: Joanne E. Degroat, Chair
Council on Enrollment and Student Progress

Date: November 23, 2015

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT PROGRESS TO ESTABLISH A NEW STRUCTURE FOR THE SUMMER TERM IN THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- WHEREAS it was agreed, during the formal conversion to the semester calendar in 2012, that after several years, a review of aspects of the new calendar, particularly the Summer Term, and the May session, including a decision on the future of its distinctive funding, would be reviewed/assessed; and
- WHEREAS early in 2015, the Office of Academic Affairs led a discussion with the colleges and campuses about the current use the Summer Term – enrollment levels and extent of course/programmatic offerings; determined that a new structure would be more appropriate for student progress; then worked with the Office of the University Registrar to develop new models for the structure for the Summer Term; and
- WHEREAS the proposed structure has, as its foundation, a 12-week model, with two 6-week, and three 4-week options for use, along with flexibility scheduled possibilities; and
- WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Enrollment and Student Progress on October 6, 2015, and the Council on Academic Affairs on October 21, 2015; and discussed with the Faculty Council on October 8, 2015 and November 5, 2015; and
- WHEREAS this proposal relates to the future structure of Summer Term, and implementation issues relating to staffing, funding, course offerings, and communication efforts, are under discussion within the University Senate committees, and relevant Offices; and decisions related to each will involve the University Senate, and each of its constituent groups – Faculty Council, Undergraduate Student Government, Council of Graduate Students, Inter-professional Council, and Administrators no later than February 2016;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish a new structure for the Summer Term in the academic calendar, effective Summer 2016.