

Academic Calendar Committee
October 22, 2020
Notes

Membership	Representative
Vice Chancellor, Education & Technology	Jamey Nye (Chair) (np)
One (1) faculty from each college and the District Academic Senate	C.R. Messer (ARC); Cheri Fortin (CRC); David Lacy (FLC); Troy Myers (SCC); DAS (Julie Oliver)
One (1) LRCFT President or designee	Jason Newman
One (1) Admissions and Records Dean from each college	Parrish Geary (ARC); Richard Andrews/Chris Raines (CRC); Christine Wurzer (FLC); Kim Goff (SCC) (np)
Vice Chancellor of Finance or designee	Mario Rodriguez (chair designee)
One (1) Vice President of Instruction	Robert Montanez
One (1) Vice President of Student Services	Jeffrey Stephenson (np)
One (1) Information Technology	Joe Carrasco
One (1) Human Resources	Jacob Knapp (np)
One (1) student from each college selected by the Student Advisory Committee	Sasha Zabegalin (ARC); Ngan Bao (CRC); Allison Schiffaier (FLC); Jenn Galinato (SCC); also attended: Spencer Slavazza (SCC)

NP = not present

Welcome

The zoom meeting was called to order at 3:02pm by the designated chair, the Vice Chancellor of Finance. The only agenda item Discussion/Approval of Proposal to Move Spring Break, was approved with no additional agenda items forwarded.

Proposal to Move Spring Break

Discussion was held regarding the proposal to move spring break from the traditional period anchored by the religious holiday of Easter to the middle of the semester to allow for a natural break between the 1st 8 week and 2nd 8 week terms.

Discussion included statements from each college indicating that there wasn't clear support from their constituents after discussions with campus academic senates for moving the break to follow the set time period of the end of the first 8 weeks term instead of floating with the "Good Friday/Easter" religious holiday, which occurs on a different day each year. The impact on DI students was questioned (if they live in K-12 districts

following our current spring break model; how would moving it out of alignment impact them) and whether or not we are making this decision in consultation with any K-12 districts or four-year colleges. It was clarified that the week-long break would not be eliminated, only possibly moved to another period during the spring semester. Also the District Academic Senate has no official stance on this as it is not in their purview. It was noted that the colleges are normally closed on the Friday of Spring Break, and that would need to be discussed with the bargaining units and moving the break would take us out of alignment with some K-12 districts, but we have the same situation now as some take the week before and some the week following the Easter holiday.

The LRCFT representative indicated that a survey would be generated asking if the break should align with the 8 weeks terms or remain aligned with the religious holiday. The survey could be expanded by the Research Office to poll all employees and students to get a better idea of the impact to all parties and to allow more voices to be heard. The results of the responses received could be shared with the committee members and answers to questions previously submitted by two committee members would also be beneficial to have before making a decision.

It was noted that this committee is not subjected to Brown Act guidelines and that the group would convene in two weeks' time via email (around November 5th) to vote on the option to move the spring break and move the recommendation forward to collective bargaining groups and then to the board of the Trustees in time for the December board meeting.

Adjourned at 12:45p.