

COMMITTEE: Calendar Committee

MEETING DATE: February 24, 2022

PERSON PRESIDING: Mark McCarthy

REGULAR MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mark McCarthy, Kristen Brooks, Marianne Montgomery, Katelyn Rouse, Krishnan Gopalakrishnan, Lisa Maag, Nanyoung Kim

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Angela Anderson, Peter Groenendyk, Hong-Bing Su, Anne Ticknor, Savannah Slade

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Rachel Baker

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Review Agenda/Attendance; Review minutes of previous meeting; Approval of minutes of previous meeting

Discussion: Calendars approved by the committee at the January 27th meeting were presented at Faculty Senate and were approved.

Action Taken: Krishnan motioned to approve, Anne second, all approved the previous meeting minutes.

Assigned additional duties to:

Agenda Item: Review and Discuss Alternate Block Schedule for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

Discussion: All days/dates agree with each other for both schedules. The schedule change and drop dates were confirmed.

Action Taken: Angela motioned to approve the Alternate Block Schedule for Fall 2023, Nanyoung second, all approved the Alternate Block Schedule for Fall 2023. Mark motioned to approve the Alternate Block Schedule for Spring 2024, Hong-Bing second, all approved the Alternate Block Schedule for Spring 2024.

Assigned additional duties to:

Agenda Item: Discussion of feasibility of changing calendar guidelines allowing for a longer break around the Christmas holiday.

Discussion: Angela brought this up to Academic Council and suggested that the faculty should be surveyed on this matter in order to obtain appropriate feedback from the campus community. Various scenarios were discussed on how to provide a longer break around Christmas while ensuring that there are still breaks between the Spring and Summer semesters and the Summer and Fall semesters. The pros and cons of extending the break at Christmas were discussed. The main idea discussed is to have a 10-week summer session instead of 11-week and two 5-week summer sessions instead of two 5.5-week. This should leave

the 1 week break between Spring and Summer semesters and around a 3 week break in August while extending the break around the Christmas holiday to 4 weeks. Before any change is made to the calendar the faculty and students will be surveyed for appropriate feedback.

Action Taken: No action taken as the committee is still exploring the feasibility of changing the calendar.

Assigned additional duties to: Mark will begin drafting potential calendars to see what is feasible. Angela will check with Academic Council and others.

NEXT MEETING: No specific date set.

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- Continue to discuss the feasibility of changing calendar guidelines – longer break around Christmas – survey the faculty and students for feedback.

Nanyoung motioned to end the meeting, Peter second, all in favor.