

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS

Academic and Student Affairs
Consent

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – C

DATE: August 4, 2016

SUBJECT: Academic Calendar Update

During their [March 2012](#) meeting, the Board of Regents approved a set of Academic Calendars that would carry the Regental system through the 2019-20 academic year. The approval by the Board finalized a lengthy set of discussions across the system by a taskforce led by the System Office to explore alternative calendar models and develop a [set of conventions](#) that could be used when constructing academic calendars moving forward. The initial goal was to begin developing the set of future calendars during the Spring 2017 term once only two academic years remained. However, as the system has begun to further implement features necessary in the Student Planner software package, it became evident that the tool requires academic terms available for the longest running program or it produces an error for users. For example, a Ph.D. program projected to last six years results in a student starting in Fall 2016 and completing the program in Spring 2023. In order to address this issue, the conventions developed during the last calendar review were applied through the 2025-26 academic years and the proposed calendars can be found in Attachment I.

AAC representatives reviewed the calendars as proposed during their [June 2016](#) meeting with a goal of moving the proposal forward for review by the Board during the August 2016 meeting. A goal of integration into the Student Planner software by September 1, 2016 is being proposed unless there are major issues identified. COPS representatives reviewed the proposed set of calendars during their July 2016 meeting; no issues were identified.

DRAFT MOTION 20160804_4-C: I move to approve the academic calendars as presented for 2020-21 through 2025-26.

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



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