

Academic Calendar Information Item

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Current Policy

- Minimum 75 Class days per semester
 - Equivalent time in the summer (50 days)
 - Passed by the Senate
- Calendar committee constructs calendar with 75 days
- Issue:
 - Current Calendar is too long to fit in the year

Constraints of Calendar

- Need 5-6 days of exams
 - With 5 days there are overlapping exams
- Need 2 days between exams and graduation
 - Spring 2009 had one day of grading; caused problems
- Fall semester
 - Need one day after grades turned in when offices are open
 - This cannot be graduation day

Time between semesters

- Registrar's office needs nine days between semesters
 - Process academic actions
 - Check Prerequisites
 - Check scholarship requirements
- Student needs
 - Talk to advisors/faculty
 - GAP classes
 - Appeal of grades
- Other considerations
 - Summer graduation should not be after Fall move in day
- Faculty need more time between semesters
 - International trips between semesters
 - Preparation for next semester (Blackboard)
 - Time to do research

Other Universities/Auburn History

- Alabama and Georgia have 75 class days per semester
- Most other schools have shorter semesters
 - Virginia Tech
 - Clemson
 - LSU
 - Texas A&M
 - University of Minnesota
- Auburn on Quarters
 - 46-47 class days per quarter
 - Translates to 141 class days Fall, Winter, Spring
 - Current requirement: 150 class days Fall and Spring

Possible Strategies to keep 75 class days

- Eliminate Labor Day, Memorial Day
 - May have classes when offices are closed
- Shorten Thanksgiving break
 - SGA asked for Fall break
- Shorten December break and/or Spring break
- Eliminate Summer term 1 exam days

Further Action/Other Information

- Collected information from all colleges on Lab/Studio class requirements
- Would like feedback from faculty
- October – will present a resolution to Senate to reduce required class days per semester
- Calendar committee: will construct calendar to meet requirements passed by Senate