

TO: The University Senate
FROM: Educational Policy Committee
SUBJECT: Change to Academic Regulations and Procedures on Academic Year and Calendar
DISPOSITION: University Senate for Discussion
REFERENCES: Purdue University Academic Regulations

RATIONALE: There are two pieces to this policy change, one, to update regulations pending approval for change of summer modules and two, to update commencement to reflect change in summer ceremony from Sunday to Saturday. This change occurred about 5 years ago by Presidential action but was never formalized in the regulations.

A change to two 6-week summer modules offers four key benefits for students.

First, a growing trend across the country is to offer programs for incoming students. Ideally, these programs should have 6 to 7 credits and typically run for a 6-week term. Because many high school seniors do not graduate until mid-June, these programs cannot work in the current 8-week module. Examples of summer programs aimed at incoming freshman at Purdue might include the Business Opportunity Program (BOP) from Krannert or other bridge programs and the pilot program in the Honors College.

Second, some international students are a similar pool of new students, who cannot currently enroll in the 8-week summer term courses because they have not finished high school.

Third, students might be able to make more progress towards a degree in two 6-week terms than the current one 4-week (Maymester) and one 8-week term. E.g., IUPUI offers a full year of Chemistry over the summer term by running two 6-week terms. Carefully crafted, such paired offerings could help underclassman catch-up with requirements over summer term.

Fourth, as in the academic year, financial aid may be contingent upon attaining full time status. The Purdue definition of full time status for students during summer term is six credits (http://www.purdue.edu/registrar/Students/Academic_Status.html). As a general rule, most students can only complete one class during Maymester, and thus are not eligible for any financial aid. Moving to two 6-week terms would mean that more students would at least have an opportunity for financial aid.

Current	Proposed
Academic Regulations and Procedures	Academic Regulations and Procedures
Academic Year and Calendar	Academic Year and Calendar
<p>A. Academic Calendar (University Senate Document 90-30, April 22, 1991)</p> <p>1. The academic calendar shall consist of two 16-week semesters and three four-week summer modules. In each semester session, classes shall begin with the first instructional period of the</p>	<p>A. Academic Calendar (University Senate Document 90-30, April 22, 1991)</p> <p>1. The academic calendar shall consist of two 16-week semesters and two 6-week or one 12-week three four-week summer module(s). In each semester session, classes shall begin with the first</p>

<p>first day.</p> <p>a. The calendar for students enrolled in the fourth year of veterinary medicine will comprise 12 blocks of approximately one month duration. The starting dates for the blocks will be chosen so that the end of the 12th block coincides with the end of the second semester (University Senate Document 73-15, March 18, 1977).</p> <p>b. The second semester for fifth-year pharmacy students will begin on the first Monday in January and end the 18th following Saturday. During this semester, each of these students will be scheduled for two six-week externships and one three-week clerkship.</p> <p>2. The first semester shall begin on either the third or fourth Monday of August, be in recess Monday and Tuesday of the eighth week, and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Thanksgiving week, and classes will end on the 17th following Saturday, which shall not occur after the 20th day of December. The second semester shall begin on either the first or second Monday of January, which shall not occur prior to the seventh day of January, be in recess during the tenth week, and end on the 17th following Saturday (University Senate Document 96-4, February 17, 1997).</p> <p>3. The summer session shall begin on the next Monday following the spring commencement and will comprise three four-week modules. Courses may be scheduled during any one or any combination of modules throughout the 12-week period. There shall be no classes on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, or on July 4, nor on the nearest class day when July 4 is not a regular class day.</p> <p>4. Faculty shall enter grades as completed, but no later than 5 p.m. on the second working day after the end of the respective academic term.</p> <p>5. Commencement will be held as follows: First Semester: first Sunday following the end of the first semester; Second Semester: next subsequent weekend after the end of the second semester; Summer Session: first Sunday following the end of the last summer</p>	<p>instructional period of the first day.</p> <p>a. The calendar for students enrolled in the fourth year of veterinary medicine will comprise 12 blocks of approximately one month duration. The starting dates for the blocks will be chosen so that the end of the 12th block coincides with the end of the second semester (University Senate Document 73-15, March 18, 1977).</p> <p>b. The second semester for fifth-year pharmacy students will begin on the first Monday in January and end the 18th following Saturday. During this semester, each of these students will be scheduled for two six-week externships and one three-week clerkship.</p> <p>2. The first semester shall begin on either the third or fourth Monday of August, be in recess Monday and Tuesday of the eighth week, and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of Thanksgiving week, and classes will end on the 17th following Saturday, which shall not occur after the 20th day of December. The second semester shall begin on either the first or second Monday of January, which shall not occur prior to the seventh day of January, be in recess during the tenth week, and end on the 17th following Saturday (University Senate Document 96-4, February 17, 1997).</p> <p>3. The summer session shall begin on the next Monday following the spring commencement and will be comprised of two 6-week or one 12-week three four-week module(s). Courses may be scheduled during any one or any combination of modules throughout the 12-week period. There shall be no classes on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, or on July 4, nor on the nearest class day when July 4 is not a regular class day.</p> <p>4. Faculty shall enter grades as completed, but no later than 5 p.m. on the second working day after the end of the respective academic term session.</p> <p>5. Commencement will be held as follows: First Semester: first Sunday following the end of the first semester; Second Semester: next subsequent weekend after the end of</p>
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<p>module.</p> <p>6. The faculties at regional campuses shall be free to establish their own calendar dates.</p> <p>C. Summer Sessions Work</p> <p>Regular work offered in the summer sessions shall be equivalent in method, content, and credit value to the work of the academic year, regular class and laboratory periods being increased proportionately. Four summer sessions may count as one year of residence</p>	<p>the second semester; Summer Session: first Sunday-Saturday following the end of the last summer module.</p> <p>6. The faculties at regional campuses shall be free to establish their own calendar dates.</p> <p>C. Summer Sessions Work</p> <p>Regular work offered in the summer sessions shall be equivalent in method, content, and credit value to the work of the academic year, regular class and laboratory periods being increased proportionately. Four summer sessions may count as one year of residence</p>
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