# UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

## ITEM FOR INFORMATION

**PRESENTED BY:** Roy Dobson, chair

**DATE OF MEETING:** December 18, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Academic Calendar 2015-16

**COUNCIL ACTION:** For information only

#### **SUMMARY:**

The Academic Calendar was developed in consultation with the academic deans of the colleges and is based on last year's calendar, adjusting for yearly calendar changes.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1. Letter to colleges
- 2. Academic Calendar for 2015-16
- 3. Summary of teaching days

**TO | Deans, Executive Directors, and Administrative Officers** 

FROM | Russell Isinger, University Registrar and Director of Student Services

SUBJECT | 2015-2016 Tentative Academic Calendar

DATE | October 23, 2014

# Memorandum

Dear colleagues,

Please refer to the attached document to view the tentative Academic Calendar for the 2015-2016 Academic Year.

This Calendar was developed according to existing practices in consultation with the Academic Deans of all the colleges, and is based on last year's Academic Calendar, adjusting for yearly calendar changes. This Calendar achieves a balance between the number of teaching days in each term, one day for new student orientation in September, and a sufficient number of days to accommodate final examinations.

Please review this Calendar carefully, particularly as it concerns your college or unit, to ensure that the dates are correct and appropriate and that they properly reflect any changes in processes that you have made in the last year. Non-direct entry colleges are asked to pay particular attention to start and end dates of classes and examinations.

Please note that for 2015, a one day Orientation will be held on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> and classes will begin on Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Both of these dates are prior to the Labour Day holiday which falls on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.



When the Fall Break week was approved last year, it was acknowledged that certain calendar years would cause challenges for final examination scheduling. With the lateness of Labour Day in 2015, this is one of those calendar years, and in order to have sufficient days to accommodate all final examinations there will be no 24 hour period between the last day of classes and the first day of final examinations. However, Registrarial Services will, as much as is possible, try not to schedule final examinations on December 23.

The Fall Break Week is scheduled for November  $9^{th}$  – 14th where no classes will be held, with the exception of Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, fourth year Nutrition, Physical Therapy, Veterinary Medicine, and the University Language Centre. The Winter Break Week is scheduled for February  $16^{th}$  –  $21^{st}$  where no classes will be held with the exception of fourth year Veterinary Medicine, fourth year Nutrition, fourth year Pharmacy, and third and fourth year Medicine. If there are any changes in college participation in these break weeks, please consult with Registrarial Services.

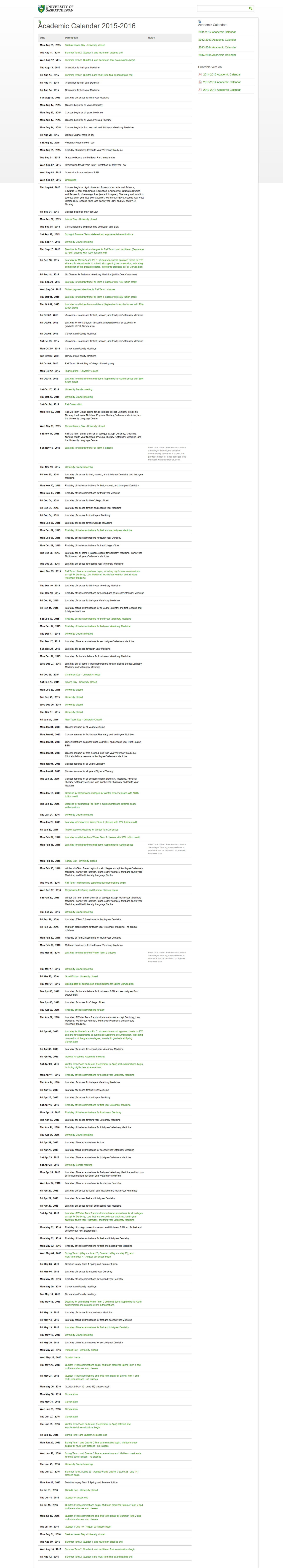
Please respond by e-mail to <u>melissa.kyrejto@usask.ca</u> by **October 31, 2014** stating any required changes or providing any general feedback.

Yours respectfully,

Russell Isinger

Russell Isinger University Registrar

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	Summary of Teaching Days										
Year	Academic Dates	М	Т	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days			
2015	Sep 3 (Th) - Dec 8 (T)	11*°	13°	12°	13°	13**°	62	13(Dec 9 - 23)			
2016	Jan 5 (T) - Apr 7 (Th)	12‡	13‡	13‡	13‡	11‡#	62	18(Apr 9 - 29)			
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<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 12

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday – F. Mar. 25

Year	Academic Dates	М	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2014	Sep 4 (Th) – Dec 3 (W)	12*°	12°	12°	13°	13**°	62	14(Dec 6 - 22)
2015	Jan 5 (M) - Apr 8 (W)	12‡	13‡	13‡	12‡	11‡#	62	17(Apr 11-30)
						-	124	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 13

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday – F. Apr. 3

Year	Academic Dates	М	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2013	Sep 5 (Th) – Dec 4 (W)	11*°	13	13	13	12**	62	14(Dec. 6-21)
2014	Jan 6 (M) – Apr 8 (T)	13‡	13‡	12‡	12‡	12‡#	62	16(Apr. 10-30)
						•	124	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 14

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday - F. Apr. 18

Year	Academic Dates	М	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2012	Sept. 6 (Th) – Dec. 5 (W)	11*°	13	13	13	12**	62	13(Dec 7-21)
2013	Jan. 3 (Th) – Apr. 9 (T)	13‡	13‡	12‡	13‡	12‡#	63	17(Apr 11-30)
						•	125	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 8

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term 1 Break Day (College of Nursing only) - F. Oct. 9

<sup>°</sup> Fall Mid-term break – Nov. 9-14 (includes Remembrance Day – W. Nov. 11)

<sup>‡</sup> Winter Midterm Break - Feb 15 - 20 (includes Family Day - M. Feb. 15)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term 1 Break Day (College of Nursing only) - F. Oct. 10

<sup>°</sup> Fall Mid-term break – Nov. 10-15 (includes Remembrance Day – T. Nov. 11)

<sup>‡</sup> Winter Midterm Break - Feb 16 - 21 (includes Family Day - M. Feb. 16)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term 1 Break Day - F. Oct. 11

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – M. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 17 - 22 (includes Family Day - M. Feb. 17)

<sup>\*\*</sup> Term 1 Break Day - F. Oct. 5

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – M. Nov. 12 (M for S Nov 11)

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 18 - 22 (includes Family Day - M. Feb. 18)

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday – F. Mar. 29

Year	Academic Dates	М	Т	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2011	Sept. 6 (T) – Dec. 2 (F)	11*	13	13	13	12**°	62	16(Dec 5-22)
2012	Jan. 4 (W) – Apr. 5 (Th)	12‡	12‡	13‡	13‡	12‡	62	19(Apr 9-30)
1							124	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 10

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday - F. Apr. 6

Year	Academic Dates	M	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2010	Sept. 7 (T) – Dec. 3 (F)	11*	13	13	12°	13	62	15 (Dec 6-22)
2011	Jan. 5 (W) – Apr. 8 (F)	12‡	12‡	13‡	13‡	13‡	63	16 (Apr 11-30)
							125	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 11

# Good Friday – F. Apr.22

Year	Academic Dates	М	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2009	Sept. 3 (Th) – Dec. 4 (F)	11*	13	12°	14	14	64	14 (Dec. 7-22)
2010	Jan. 4 (M) – Apr. 8 (TH)	13‡	13‡	13‡	13‡	11‡#	63	18 (Apr. 10-30)
						-	127	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 12

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday – F. Apr. 2

Year	Academic Dates	М	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2008	Sept. 4 (Th) – Dec. 3 (W)	12*	12°	13	13	13	63	15 (Dec 5-22)
2009	Jan. 5 (M) – Apr. 8 (W)	13‡	13‡	13‡	12‡	12‡	63	17 (Apr 11-30)
							126	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 13

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday - F. Apr 10

Year	Academic Dates	М	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2007	Sept. 5 (W) – Dec. 3 (M)	11*°	12	13	13	13	62	15 (Dec 5-21)
2008	Jan. 3 (Th) – Apr. 7 (M)	13‡	12‡	12‡	13‡	12‡#	62	18 (Apr 10-30)
						-	124	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 8

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – F. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 20 - 24 (includes Family Day - M. Feb. 20)

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – Th. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 21 - 25 (includes Family Day - M. Feb. 21)

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – W. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 15 - 19

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – T. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 16 - 21

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – Sun. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 18 - 23

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday – F. Mar. 21

Year	Academic Dates	М	Т	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2006	Sept. 6 (W) – Dec. 4 (M)	12*	12	13	13	12°	62	14 (Dec 7-22)
2007	Jan. 3 (W) – Apr. 9 (M)	13‡	12‡	13‡	13‡	12‡#	63	15 (Apr 12-30)
							125	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 9

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday - F. Apr. 6

Year	Academic Dates	М	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2005	Sept. 7 (W) – Dec. 5 (M)	12*	12	13	13	12°	62	13 (Dec 8-22)
2006	Jan. 4 (W) – Apr. 7 (F)	12‡	12‡	13‡	13‡	13‡	63	17 (Apr 10-29)
						'	125	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 10

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday – F. Apr. 14

Year	Academic Dates	M	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2004	Sept. 8 – Dec. 6	12*	12	13	12°	13	62	13 (Dec 9-23)
2005	Jan. 5 – Apr. 8	12‡	12‡	13‡	13‡	12‡#	62	17 (Apr 12-30)
						•	124	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 11

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday – F. Mar. 25

Year	Academic Dates	M	Т	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2003	Sept. 4 – Dec. 3	12*	12°	13	13	13	63	13 (Dec 6-20)
2004	Jan. 5 - Apr. 6	13‡	13‡	12‡	12‡	12‡	62	16 (Apr 10-28)
							125	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 13

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday – F. Apr. 9

Year	Academic Dates	М	T	W	Th	F	Total	Exam Days
2002	Sept. 5 – Dec. 4	11*°	13	13	13	13	63	14 (Dec 7-21)
2003	Jan. 6 - Apr. 8	13‡	13‡	12‡	12‡	12‡	62	17 (Apr 11-30)
						'	125	

<sup>\*</sup> Thanksgiving – M. Oct. 14

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – Sat. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 12 - 17

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – F. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 13 - 18

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – Th. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 14 - 19

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – T. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 16 - 21

<sup>°</sup> Remembrance Day – M. Nov. 11

<sup>‡</sup> Midterm Break - Feb 17 - 23

<sup>#</sup> Good Friday - F. Apr. 18