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Serial Number #18-19-24

TO: President David Dooley

FROM: Hillary Leonard, Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

- 1. The attached BILL titled, the Curriculum and Standards Committee Report #2018-19-12, Academic Calendar Subcommittee, Changes to Reading Days and Final Exam days, University Manual Sections 8.51.25 and 8.70.22-23, is forwarded for your consideration.
- 2. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on March 21, 2019.
- 3. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
- 4. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective April 11, 2019, three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; or (3) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum.

Hillary Leonard Chairperson of the Faculty Senate	March 21, 2019
ENDORSEMENT	
TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate	
FROM: President of the University	
a. Approved	
b. Approved subject to Notice of the Council on Postsecondary	Education
c. Disapproved	

Curriculum and Standards Committee Academic Calendar Subcommittee Report 2018-19-12

Proposed Changes to University Manual from Academic Calendar Subcommittee

Approved by the Curriculum and Standards Committee at the March 7, 2019 meeting.

#1 - No weekday reading day

Motion: To remove the requirement that there be a weekday Reading Day after the last day of classes, meaning a Reading Day can be any day of the weekend, including Saturday or Sunday.

OLD University Manual Language:

8.70.22 One weekday Reading Day is required after the last day of classes; two weekday Reading Days during the examination period are preferred (see 8.51.25). #01-02–27

Proposed University Manual Language:

8.70.22 One weekday Reading Day is required after the last day of classes; two weekday Reading Days during the examination period are preferred (see 8.51.25). #01-02–27

OLD University Manual Language:

8.51.25 There shall be at least one weekday Reading Day between the last day of classes and the beginning of the final examination period (see 8.70.22). #01-02–27

Proposed University Manual Language:

8.51.25 There shall be at least one weekday Reading Day between the last day of classes and the beginning of the final examination period (see 8.70.22). #01-02–27

#2 - Six days for finals starting Fall 2020

Motion: Starting Fall 2020, a minimum of six days shall be scheduled for final examinations.

OLD University Manual Language:

8.70.23 A minimum of seven days shall be scheduled for final examinations. Saturdays and Sundays may be used as final examination days under extraordinary circumstances. #01-02–27

Proposed University Manual Language:

8.70.23 A minimum of <u>seven-six</u> days shall be scheduled for final examinations. Saturdays and Sundays may be used as final examination days under extraordinary circumstances. #01-02–27