Resolution/Motion Title: Academic Calendar for 2028-2029  
Faculty Document 3143  
Sponsor: University Committee  
Vote on document: March 4, 2024  

Individuals/Committees Consulted: John Zumbrunnen and Scott Owczarek  

Background/Purpose:  
This calendar provides dates for the 2028-29 academic year. The spring break dates will remain the same regardless of the outcome to change the spring break parameters at the February Senate meeting. Following up regarding a question asked about the number of M/W/F and T/R classes counts being different for spring and fall semesters, this is largely due to differences in constraints around the fall and spring semesters. For spring semester, when the Martin Luther King Jr (MLK) holiday is late, school cannot begin on the MLK holiday. The semester would have to begin on a Friday in those years in order to make the days in the spring the same as the days in the fall. The Senate could decide to alternate when spring semester starts depending on the MLK holiday, but that is less predictable than current system. If a day was added at the end of the semester, it would push finals past commencement. For fall semester, the Senate would have to approve starting classes on a Thursday in order to match the number of classes in the spring. Depending on the year (UW-Madison is unable to start classes earlier than September 2), this would push exams even further towards the holidays (right now the semester always starts on a Wed). There are some years when exams currently end on Dec 23 so it would not be possible to push back the start date in those years due to the state holiday on Dec 24.  

Distribution (if approved):  
Scott Owczarek, Registrar  
John Zumbrunnen, Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning  
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A vote in favor of this means your department/district supports approving the dates for the 2028-29 academic calendar.  

A vote against this means your department/district does not support approving the dates for the 2028-29 academic calendar.  

Meeting Guide  
(Can be used to track amendments/changes to resolutions or motions up for consideration)  

Main Motion/Resolution Moved: ________________________________ Seconded  
Discussion (This is where you can ask questions or make comments)
If no further amendments, vote is taken on main motion with amendments if any.
Vote on Main Motion  Aye ______  Nay _____

**Amendment Moved:** ________________________________  Seconded
Discussion (This is where you can ask questions or make comments)

Vote on Amendment  Aye _____  Nay _____
If aye, amendment now included in main motion. If nay, main motion not amended.

**Amendment Moved:** ________________________________  Seconded
Discussion (This is where you can ask questions or make comments)

Vote on Amendment  Aye _____  Nay _____
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