Dear Faculty Senate President LeHew,

A meeting of the University Calendar Committee was called at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 9, 2010 to discuss the length of the fall and spring terms, which currently are 75 and 76 class days respectively. Beginning in the 2010-11 academic year, there will be 74 and 76 days respectively. Discussion of this topic followed, then a motion was made by Wayne Stoskopf "to lower the number of instructional days from 150 to 148 and classes in the spring term would start on the Tuesday immediately following the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday." That motion was seconded, and passed unanimously by a voice vote of five to zero.

As part of the rationale for this motion, the students cited a straw poll taken among other students who favored this change; a later start should allow parents to better assist their students in the move-in process; a later start should result in fewer days of work being missed by students prior to the start of the spring term; and, a later start should result in an undetermined cost savings for Housing and Dining Services.

I submit the above to you in my ex-officio role as chair of the University Calendar Committee. If you have questions regarding any of the above, then please contact me. Thank you.

Respectfully,
Monty Nielsen
Chair, UCC

If approve modification for 2010-2011 changes would be as follows (refer to Academic Calendar handout):

Fall 2010 calendar would remain the same with 74 days. Spring 2011 would start on January 18, 2011. Class days would be 74 days and total days of week would change to: M-14, T-15, W-15, U-15, F-15.