

2. Act on Request to Approve Academic Calendars for Academic Years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 – Universities

Summary and Recommendation

Board of Regents policy requires consideration of academic calendars proposed by the Regents universities on a three-year cycle. This month the Board is asked to consider calendars for academic years 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022. The proposed calendars conform to existing policies. Staff recommends approval.

Background

Kansas Board of Regents Policy states the following:

1. ACADEMIC CALENDAR

- a. The Academic Calendar of each state university shall provide for an academic year minimally consisting of two sixteen week semesters totaling no fewer than 146 instructional days plus five final exam days each semester.
- b. Each state university shall file a three-year Academic Calendar adhering to holidays and breaks approved by the Board. Each state university shall follow the calendar as approved by the Board. Any deviation for reasons other than natural disasters or national emergencies must have prior approval of the Board.
- c. The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Board shall have the authority to approve or deny non-substantive revisions to Board-approved three-year calendars and shall periodically report these changes to the Board.

Although current Board policy permits variability among the universities in the construction of academic calendars, the adoption of five common elements by the Board in 1984 and 1990 has forced considerable consistency in the number of instructional days, exam days and vacation days. Three of those five elements were subsequently incorporated into policy; one element is no longer germane to the construction of academic calendars; and the final element “*Have a common Thanksgiving Break and Spring Break*” is not in Board policy, but was discussed by the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC), in conjunction with the state universities.

BAASC and the state universities agreed the locally driven scheduling of Spring Break allows universities to best respond to local needs and constituents. Some degree of institutional flexibility is important for effective institutional planning in the use of facilities and the management of enrollments and personnel. Thus, institutions are not required to have a common Spring Break, but do continue to have a common Thanksgiving Break.

This month, the Board receives and considers academic calendars proposed by the universities for the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 academic years. The receipt of the proposed academic calendars offers the Board the opportunity to ensure conformity with its policies for the construction of academic calendars, as well as an opportunity to review trends pertaining to the academic year.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the Board approve the academic calendars as submitted by the state universities.

**Academic Year 2019-2020
Kansas Board of Regents State Universities**

<u>Fall 2019</u>	<u>ESU</u>	<u>FHSU</u>	<u>KSU</u>	<u>KU</u>	<u>PSU</u>	<u>WSU</u>
Classes Begin	Aug 19 Monday	Aug 19 Monday	Aug 26 Monday	Aug 26 Monday	Aug 19 Monday	Aug 19 Monday
Classes End	Dec 6 Friday	Dec 6 Friday	Dec 13 Friday	Dec 12 Thursday	Dec 6 Friday	Dec 5 Thursday
Total Instructional Days	74	74	74	73	74	73
Exams Begin	Dec 9 Monday	Dec 7 Saturday	Dec 16 Monday	Dec 16 Monday	Dec 9 Monday	Dec 7 Saturday
Exams End	Dec 13 Friday	Dec 13 Friday	Dec 20 Friday	Dec 20 Friday	Dec 13 Friday	Dec 12 Thursday
Total Exam Days	5	6	5	5	5	5
Fall Break	Oct 10 – 13 Thurs – Sun	--	--	Oct 12 – 15 Sat – Tues	Oct 10 – 13 Thurs – Sun	Oct 12 – 15 Sat – Tues
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 27 – Dec 1 Wed – Sun	Nov 25 – Dec 1 Mon – Sun	Nov 25 – Dec 1 Mon – Sun	Nov 27 – Dec 1 Wed – Sun	Nov 27 – Dec 1 Wed – Sun	Nov 27 – Dec 1 Wed – Sun
Universities are closed to observe Labor Day on September 2, 2019.						
<u>Spring 2020</u>	<u>ESU</u>	<u>FHSU</u>	<u>KSU</u>	<u>KU</u>	<u>PSU</u>	<u>WSU</u>
Classes Begin	Jan 14 Tuesday	Jan 21 Tuesday	Jan 21 Tuesday	Jan 21 Tuesday	Jan 21 Tuesday	Jan 21 Tuesday
Classes End	May 1 Friday	May 8 Friday	May 8 Friday	May 7 Thursday	May 8 Friday	May 7 Thursday
Total Instructional Days	74	74	74	73	74	73
Exams Begin	May 4 Monday	May 9 Saturday	May 11 Monday	May 11 Monday	May 11 Monday	May 9 Saturday
Exams End	May 8 Friday	May 15 Friday	May 15 Friday	May 15 Friday	May 15 Friday	May 14 Thursday
Total Exam Days	5	6	5	5	5	5
Spring Break	March 9 – 15 Mon – Sun	March 23 – 29 Mon – Sun	March 9 – 15 Mon – Sun	March 9 – 15 Mon – Sun	March 23 – 29 Mon – Sun	March 23 – 29 Mon – Sun
Universities are closed to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 20, 2020.						

**Academic Year 2020-2021
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<u>Fall 2020</u>	<u>ESU</u>	<u>FHSU</u>	<u>KSU</u>	<u>KU</u>	<u>PSU</u>	<u>WSU</u>
Classes Begin	Aug 17 Monday	Aug 17 Monday	Aug 24 Monday	Aug 24 Monday	Aug 17 Monday	Aug 17 Monday
Classes End	Dec 4 Friday	Dec 4 Friday	Dec 11 Friday	Dec 10 Thursday	Dec 4 Friday	Dec 3 Thursday
Total Instructional Days	74	74	74	73	74	73
Exams Begin	Dec 7 Monday	Dec 5 Saturday	Dec 14 Monday	Dec 14 Monday	Dec 7 Monday	Dec 5 Saturday
Exams End	Dec 11 Friday	Dec 11 Friday	Dec 18 Friday	Dec 18 Friday	Dec 11 Friday	Dec 10 Thursday
Total Exam Days	5	6	5	5	5	5
Fall Break	Oct 15 – 18 Thurs – Sun	--	--	Oct 10 – 13 Sat – Tue	Oct 8 – 11 Thurs – Sun	Oct 10 – 13 Sat – Tue
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 25 – 29 Wed – Sun	Nov 23 – 29 Mon – Sun	Nov 23 – 29 Mon – Sun	Nov 25 – 29 Wed – Sun	Nov 25 – 29 Wed – Sun	Nov 25 – 29 Wed – Sun
Universities are closed to observe Labor Day on September 7, 2020.						
<u>Spring 2021</u>	<u>ESU</u>	<u>FHSU</u>	<u>KSU</u>	<u>KU</u>	<u>PSU</u>	<u>WSU</u>
Classes Begin	Jan 20 Wednesday	Jan 19 Tuesday	Jan 19 Tuesday	Jan 19 Tuesday	Jan 19 Tuesday	Jan 19 Tuesday
Classes End	May 7 Friday	May 7 Friday	May 7 Friday	May 6 Thursday	May 7 Friday	May 6 Thursday
Total Instructional Days	73	74	74	73	74	73
Exams Begin	May 10 Monday	May 8 Saturday	May 10 Monday	May 10 Monday	May 10 Monday	May 8 Saturday
Exams End	May 14 Friday	May 14 Friday	May 14 Friday	May 14 Friday	May 14 Friday	May 13 Thursday
Total Exam Days	5	6	5	5	5	5
Spring Break	March 22 – 28 Mon – Sun	March 22 – 28 Mon – Sun	March 8 – 14 Mon – Sun	March 8 – 14 Mon – Sun	March 22 – 28 Mon – Sun	March 22 – 28 Mon – Sun
Universities are closed to observe Martin Luther King Day on January 18, 2021.						

**Academic Year 2021-2022
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<u>Fall 2021</u>	<u>ESU</u>	<u>FHSU</u>	<u>KSU</u>	<u>KU</u>	<u>PSU</u>	<u>WSU</u>
Classes Begin	Aug 23 Monday	Aug 23 Monday	Aug 23 Monday	Aug 23 Monday	Aug 16 Monday	Aug 16 Monday
Classes End	Dec 10 Friday	Dec 10 Friday	Dec 10 Friday	Dec 9 Thursday	Dec 3 Friday	Dec 2 Thursday
Total Instructional Days	74	74	74	73	74	73
Exams Begin	Dec 13 Monday	Dec 11 Saturday	Dec 13 Monday	Dec 13 Monday	Dec 6 Monday	Dec 4 Saturday
Exams End	Dec 17 Friday	Dec 17 Friday	Dec 17 Friday	Dec 17 Friday	Dec 10 Friday	Dec 9 Thursday
Total Exam Days	5	6	5	5	5	5
Fall Break	Oct 14 – 17 Thurs – Sun	--	--	Oct 9 – 12 Sat – Tues	Oct 14 – 17 Thurs – Sun	Oct 9 – 12 Sat – Tues
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 24 – 28 Wed – Sun	Nov 22 – 28 Mon – Sun	Nov 22 – 28 Mon – Sun	Nov 24 – 28 Wed – Sun	Nov 24 – 28 Wed – Sun	Nov 24 – 28 Wed – Sun
Universities are closed to observe Labor Day on September 6, 2021.						
<u>Spring 2022</u>	<u>ESU</u>	<u>FHSU</u>	<u>KSU</u>	<u>KU</u>	<u>PSU</u>	<u>WSU</u>
Classes Begin	Jan 19 Wednesday	Jan 18 Tuesday	Jan 18 Tuesday	Jan 18 Tuesday	Jan 18 Tuesday	Jan 18 Tuesday
Classes End	May 6 Friday	May 6 Friday	May 6 Friday	May 5 Thursday	May 6 Friday	May 5 Thursday
Total Instructional Days	73	74	74	73	74	73
Exams Begin	May 9 Monday	May 7 Saturday	May 9 Monday	May 9 Monday	May 9 Monday	May 7 Saturday
Exams End	May 13 Friday	May 13 Friday	May 13 Friday	May 13 Friday	May 13 Friday	May 12 Thursday
Total Exam Days	5	6	5	5	5	5
Spring Break	March 21 – 27 Mon – Sun	March 21 – 27 Mon – Sun	March 21 – 27 Mon – Sun	March 7 – 13 Mon – Sun	March 21 – 27 Mon – Sun	Mar 21 – 27 Mon – Sun
Universities are closed to observe Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 17, 2022.						