ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Academic Calendar for 2011-2012

The attached calendar for the academic year 2011-2012 has been constructed using the established principles noted in previous communications.

Holiday Issues
There are no conflicts with religious holidays in this calendar. In order to have the minimum number of class meeting days and a two-day Fall Study Break, examinations will go through December 22, allowing two days to travel before Christmas.

Spring Break
Application of the University’s principle of scheduling spring break in the eighth week of the term has resulted in the University break occurring Saturday, February 25, through Sunday, March 4.

We have communicated with the Ann Arbor Public School District, which has not yet negotiated a contract for 2011-2012, so that they will have the option of scheduling a winter break that coincides with the UM academic calendar when their calendar is determined.

Number of Class Days
Fall term has 67 days; winter has 69 class days.

The proposed calendar has been vetted by faculty and administrative groups. I am writing to request your approval of the 2011-2012 academic calendar.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Teresa A. Sullivan
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Attachment
FALL TERM, 2011

*Registration (for students not pre-registered) .................................................. Sept 2, Fri  
Labor Day (Holiday) ................................................................................................. Sept 5, Mon  
Classes begin .......................................................................................................... Sept 6, Tues  
Fall Study Break ....................................................................................................... Oct 17-18, Mon-Tues  
Thanksgiving recess, 5:00 p.m. ............................................................................... Nov 23, Wed  
Classes end .............................................................................................................. Dec 13, Tues  
Study Days .............................................................................................................. Dec 14, Wed & Dec 17-18, Sat-Sun  
Examinations ........................................................................................................... Dec 15-16, Thurs-Fri &  
................................................................................................................................. Dec 19-22, Mon-Thurs  
Commencement......................................................................................................... Dec 18, Sun  

67 class days: M=13, T=14, W=14, Th=13, F=13  
**Rosh Hashanah 9/28-9/30; Yom Kippur 10/7- 10/8; Hanukkah 12/20-12/28  

WINTER TERM, 2012

*Registration (for students not pre-registered) .................................................. Jan 3, Tues  
Classes begin ......................................................................................................... Jan 4, Wed  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (University Symposia/No Regular Classes) ............. Jan 16, Mon  
Vacation begins 12:00 noon .................................................................................... Feb 25, Sat  
Classes resume ....................................................................................................... Mar 5, Mon  
University Honors Convocation ........................................................................... Mar 18, Sun  
Classes end ............................................................................................................. Apr 17, Tues  
Study Days ............................................................................................................ Apr 18, Wed; Apr 21-22, Sat-Sun  
Examinations ......................................................................................................... Apr 19-20, Thurs-Fri &  
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Commencement Activities ...................................................................................... Apr 27-29, Fri-Sun  

69 class days: M=13, T=14, W=14, Th=14, F=14  
**Passover 4/6- 4/14  

SPRING-SUMMER TERM, 2012

*Registration (Full Term and Spring Half) ............................................................. Apr 30, Mon  
Classes begin .......................................................................................................... May 1, Tues  
Memorial Day (Holiday) ......................................................................................... May 28, Mon  
Classes end (Spring Half) 5:00 p.m. ................................................................... June 18, Mon  
Study Days ............................................................................................................. June 19-20, Tues-Wed  
Examinations ......................................................................................................... June 21-22, Thurs-Fri  
Spring Half Term ends ............................................................................................ June 22, Fri  
*Registration (Summer Half) ................................................................................ June 26, Tues  
Summer Half Term classes begin ............................................................................. June 27, Wed  
Independence Day (Holiday) .................................................................................. July 4, Wed  
Classes end, 5:00 p.m. .......................................................................................... Aug 14, Tues  
Study Day ............................................................................................................... Aug 15, Wed  
Examinations ......................................................................................................... Aug 16-17, Thurs-Fri  
Full Term and Summer Half Term end .................................................................. Aug 17, Fri  

*Students enrolling in Business Administration, Dentistry, Law, Pharmacy, Social Work, and Medicine should check with their respective schools for academic calendar information including registration. This calendar is subject to change.  
**Jewish holy days begin and end at sundown on the first and last days listed. The University’s policy concerning observance of religious holidays can be found at http://www.umich.edu/~provost/dates/hdaymemo.html