Approved by the Regents September 22, 2006

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Academic Calendar for 2008-09

The following principles influence the academic calendar on the University of Michigan-Flint campus:

- The number of instruction days in the Fall Semester should be as close as possible to the number of instruction days in the Winter Semester. The same holds true for the Spring and Summer Terms. For the 2008-09 academic year, Fall Semester and Winter Semester each have 70 instruction days while Spring and Summer Terms have 35 and 34, respectively.
- Classes begin on the Wednesday before Labor Day, treating the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a holiday, and starting the Winter Semester on a Monday.
- The Winter Semester includes a one-week Spring Break, which coincides with Spring Break on the Ann Arbor campus, with the Winter Semester ending before the first week of May.
- Commencement exercises are held before the 20th of December for Fall and on the first weekend in May for Spring.
- The Summer Term ends before the summer recess, which will be at least one week long, but preferably two weeks before the beginning of the Fall Semester. The summer recess for 2008-09 will be nine days long.

I request approval of the attached academic calendar for 2008-2009 for the University of Michigan-Flint. This calendar has been approved by the elected faculty committee charged with oversight of the academic calendar and by other faculty and administrative groups.

RECOMMENDED BY:

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Juan E. Mestas, Chancellor University of Michigan-Flint

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

September 2006

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN - FLINT

Academic Calendar 2008-2009

Fall Term 2008

Registration for continuing students opens Registration for new students opens

Classes begin

Labor Day (Holiday)

Thanksgiving Recess

Classes resume Classes end Study day

Final examinations

Commencement

M=14, Tu=14, W=14, Th=14, F=14

Wednesday, March 19 Thursday, April 3 Wednesday, August 27 Monday, September 1

Wednesday - Sunday, November 26 - 30

Monday, December 1 Monday, December 8 Tuesday, December 9

Wednesday – Saturday, December 10 – 13 Monday - Tuesday, December 15 - 16

Sunday, December 14

 $Total\ Instruction\ Days = 70$

Winter Term 2009

Registration for continuing students opens Registration for new students opens

Classes begin

Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday -

no regular classes

Spring recess

Classes resume Classes end Study day

Final examinations

Commencement

M=14, Tu=14, W=14, Th=14, F=14

Wednesday, November 12 Monday, December 1 Monday, January 5 Monday, January 19

Monday - Sunday, February 23 - March 1

Monday, March 2 Monday, April 20 Tuesday, April 21

Wednesday – Saturday, April 22 – 25

Monday - Tuesday, April 27 - 28

Sunday, May 3

Total Instruction Days = 70

Spring Term 2009

Registration for continuing students opens

Registration for new students opens

Classes begin

Memorial Day (Holiday)

Classes end Study Day

Final examinations

M=7, Tu=7, W=7, Th=7, F=7

Wednesday, March 18 Thursday, April 2 Monday, May 4 Monday, May 25 Monday, June 22 Tuesday, June 23

Wednesday - Thursday, June 24 - 25

Total Instruction Days = 35

Summer Term 2009

Registration for continuing students opens

Registration for new students opens

Classes begin

Independence Day (Holiday)

Classes end Study day

Final examinations

Thursday, April 2 Monday, June 29 Friday, July 3

Wednesday, March 18

Saturday, August 15 Sunday, August 16

Monday - Tuesday, August 17 - 18

M=7, Tu=7, W=7, Th=7, F=6

Total Instruction Days = 34

Dates are subject to change at any time by the Board of Regents