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 2008-09 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:

Jack Kay, Provost and
Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

September 2006

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Juan E. Mestas, Chancellor
University of Michigan-Flint

September 2006
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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday, March 18
Thursday, April 2
Monday, May 4
Monday, May 25
Monday, June 22
Tuesday, June 23
Wednesday - Thursday, June 24 - 25

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

Wednesday, March 18
Thursday, April 2
Monday, June 29
Friday, July 3
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