THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

### Approved by the Regents May 15, 2014

# **REGENTS COMMUNICATION**

ACTION REQUEST: Approval of Academic Calendar for 2015-16

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

- Classes cannot begin before September 1
- 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 2015-16 academic year, Fall Semester and Winter Semester have 67 instruction days and 69 instruction days, respectively, while Spring and Summer Terms have 35 instruction days and 34 instruction days, respectively.
- Classes begin following Labor Day, treating the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a holiday, and starting the Winter Semester on a Wednesday.
- The Fall Semester includes a two-day Study Break and the Winter Semester includes a one-week Spring Break, which coincides with the Spring Break on the Ann Arbor campus, with the Winter Semester ending before the first week of May.
- Commencement exercises are held on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 2015-16 will be over a week long.
- There are no conflicts with religious holidays contained in this calendar.

I request approval of the attached academic calendar for 2015-2016 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:** 

Gerard Voland, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

May 2014

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED BY:

Ruth J. Person, Chancellor University of Michigan-Flint

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – FLINT Academic Calendar 2015-2016

## Fall Term 2015

Labor Day (Holiday) Classes begin Fall Study Break Thanksgiving Recess Classes resume Classes end Study days

Final examinations

Commencement

M=13, Tu=14, W=14, Th=13, F=13

### Winter Term 2016

Classes begin Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday – no regular classes Spring recess Classes resume Classes end Study days Final examinations

Commencement

M=13, Tu=14, W=14, Th=14, F=14

### Spring Term 2016

Classes begin Memorial Day (Holiday) Classes end Study Day Final examinations

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

### Summer Term 2016

Classes begin Independence Day (Holiday) Classes end Study day Final examinations

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

Monday, September 7 Wednesday, September 2 Thursday – Friday, October 15-16 Wednesday - Sunday, November 25-27 Monday, November 30 Friday, December 11 Saturday, December 12 Monday, December 14 Tuesday - Saturday, December 15-19 Monday, December 21 Sunday, December 20

Total Instruction Days = 67

Wednesday, January 6 Monday, January 18

Monday - Sunday, February 29 – March 6 Monday, March 7 Tuesday, April 19 Wednesday - Thursday, April 20-21 Friday - Saturday, April 22-23 Monday - Thursday, April 25-28 Sunday, May 1

Total Instruction Days = 69

Monday, May 2 Monday, May 30 Monday, June 20 Tuesday, June 21 Wednesday – Friday, June 22-24

Total Instruction Days = 35

Wednesday, July 29 Monday, July 4 Tuesday, August 16 Wednesday, August 17 Thursday - Saturday, August 18-20

*Total Instruction Days* = 34

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