

MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate DATE June 15, 2021
FROM Stephen Spector
Chair, Senate Calendar Committee
RE: Spring 2022 and Summer 2022 - Delayed Start of Classes

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At its meeting of June 15, 2021, the Calendar Committee reviewed the Spring and Summer 2022 academic calendars, giving rise to the following motions.

Motion 1:

“The Calendar Committee approves and recommends to Senate the revised Spring 2022 calendar which moves the first day of classes from Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 to Monday, January 10th, 2022, extends the exam period to April 26th, and reduces instructional days from 63 to 61.”

Motion 2:

“The Calendar Committee approves and recommends to Senate the revised Summer 2022 calendar which moves the first day of classes from Monday, May 9th, 2022 to Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, and reduces instructional days from 63 to 62.”



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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Calendar Committee Date June 11, 2021
FROM Kathryn Verkerk
University Registrar and Executive Director,
Student Enrolment pro tem
RE: Spring 2022 and Summer 2022 - Delayed Start of Classes

Kathryn Verkerk (handwritten signature)

Motions:

- Motion 1: Approve and recommend to Senate the revised Spring 2022 calendar which moves the first day of classes from Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 to Monday, January 10th, 2022, extends the exam period to April 26th, and reduces instructional days from 63 to 61.
Motion 2: Approve and recommend to Senate the revised Summer 2022 calendar which moves the first day of classes from Monday, May 9th, 2022 to Tuesday, May 10th, 2022, and reduces instructional days from 63 to 62.

Overview and Background

Due to the impact of COVID-19 on teaching and learning, instructors and students have experienced unprecedented challenges. It is expected that a significant number of students will be returning to campus in January 2022 for in-person courses, specifically international students arriving from abroad, who were unable to return in Fall 2021. These students will require time to successfully transition to SFU, including moving into residence, etc.
In addition, with the shift back to in person learning, instructors have been required to pivot once again from remote learning to in person instruction. As a result, instructors generally require additional time to prepare for their courses to ensure the quality of education at SFU remains strong.

Finally, due to the late start of the Fall 2021 term, end-of-term administrative processes have been pushed back to late December. Following the release of Fall term grades and academic standing, students will have little lead time to seek advising, change classes, etc. in advance of the start of the Spring term.

Decision

To address the above concerns, it is recommended that the first day of classes for Spring 2022 be moved from Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 to Monday, January 10th, 2022, and Summer 2022 classes start on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 instead of Monday, May 9th, 2022. This will provide an additional three business days at the start of the Spring term for administrative process and supports, such as academic advising,

before classes begin. In order to accommodate this shift, the Spring term will have 61 teaching days and the last day of classes will shift from Friday, April 8th to Monday, April 11th. The Spring exam period will begin Tuesday, April 12th and end Tuesday, April 26th (a one-day extension); these adjustments will not be an issue for instructors or students given the implementation of new exam software in the Registrar's Office.

In addition, by delaying the first day of classes for Summer 2022, this allows instructors adequate time to prepare for Summer term instruction with a full two week break between terms. To accommodate the later start date of Tuesday, May 10th, the Summer 2022 term will have 62 teaching days.

Proposed Dates:

Details	Original Date(s)	Revised Date(s)
Spring term class start	Wednesday, January 5 th	Monday, January 10 th
Spring term class end	Friday, April 8 th	Monday, April 11 th
Spring term exam period	Monday, April 11 th to Monday, April 25 th	Tuesday, April 12 th to Tuesday, April 26 th
Spring Instructional Days	63	61
Summer term class start	Monday, May 9 th	Tuesday, May 10 th
Summer term class end	Monday, August 8 th	No change
Summer term exam period	Wednesday, August 10 th to Sunday, August 20 th	No change
Summer instructional Days	63	62

Academic Calendar Principles

<i>Principles</i>	Senate Reference
1. Each semester has 60 to 63 teaching days. (Senate paper 21-19)	S.21-19
2. Exams may be scheduled on Sunday if required. (Senate paper 05-127)	S.05-127
3. Exams should be avoided on the Saturday and Sunday of the Easter weekend. (Senate paper 14-102a)	S.14-102a
4. There is a weeklong reading break in February of each year to correspond with the family day holiday. (Senate paper 08-70)	S.08-70
5. All instructors submit grades on-line by the deadline date to allow for quicker end-of-term evaluations.	
6. Orientation for new students is a vital component for student retention, development and creating a positive university experience.	* Proposed change for Fall 2020 - 2-year pilot

Proposed Calendar 2022

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- Welcome Day
- First day of class
- Last day of class
- Exam period
- Holiday
- Reading Break
- Convocation