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MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION Senate
FROM Jo Hinchliffe, Assistant Registrar
Secretary, Senate Calendar Committee
RE: Academic Dates 2010-2013 (revised) *Joh*

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At its meeting of 30 September, 2009 the Calendar committee reviewed, for approval by Senate, the revised schedule of dates for future semesters commencing Fall 2010 and finishing Summer of 2013.

SFU has a three-term in-take system, which challenges the university when it comes to orienting new students at the beginning of each term, and also evaluating students' academic standing or graduation eligibility at the end of each term. In order to provide students with the best academic and university experience, the following principles have been adopted in determining the optimal academic calendar of dates.

Principles

1. Each semester has 63 teaching days. (Senate Paper 03-56)
2. Exams may be scheduled on Sunday if required. (Senate Paper 05-127)
3. There is a week long Reading break in February of each year starting in 2011 (Senate Paper 08-70)
4. All instructors submit grades on-line by the deadline date to allow for quicker end-of-term evaluations.
5. Orientation for new students is a vital component for student retention, development and creating a positive university experience.

Motion:

“That Senate approve a revised Schedule of Academic Dates 2010-2013.”

Note: if Senate approves this schedule, it will require that the May Senate meetings be moved to the Tuesday following the May long weekend. Specifically the dates are:

May 24, 2011
May 22 2012
May 21 2013

2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
31 August-3 September Orientation	30 August - 2 September Orientation	28-31 August Orientation
6 September Labour Day	5 September Labour Day	3 September Labour Day
7 September Classes start	6 September Classes start	4 September Classes start
7-8 October Convocation	6-7 October Convocation	4-5 October Convocation
11 October Thanksgiving	10 October Thanksgiving	8 October Thanksgiving
11 November Remembrance Day	11 November Remembrance Day	12 November Remembrance Day Statutory Holiday
6 December Last day of classes	5 December Last day of classes	3 December Last day of classes
8 -19 December Exams	7-18 December Exams	5-16 December Exams
3 January New Year's Day Statutory Holiday	2 January New Year's Day Statutory Holiday	1 January New Year's Day Statutory Holiday
4-5 January Orientation	2-3 January Orientation	3-4 January Orientation
6 January Classes start	5 January Classes start	7 January Classes start
14-18 February Reading Break	13-17 February Reading Break	11-15 February Reading Break
11 April Last day of classes	6-9 April Easter Break	29 March - 1 April Easter Break
13-24 April Exams	11 April Last day of classes	12 April Last day of classes
22-25 April Easter Break	13-23 April Exams	14-24 April Exams
5-6 May Orientation	3-4 May Orientation	2-3 May Orientation
9 May Classes start	7 May Classes start	6 May Classes start
23 May Victoria Day	21 May Victoria Day	20 May Victoria Day
14-17 June Convocation	12-15 June Convocation	11-14 June Convocation
1 July Canada Day	2 July Canada Day	1 July Canada Day
1 August B.C. Day	6 August B.C. Day	5 August B.C. Day
8 August Last day of classes	3 August Last day of classes	2 August Last day of classes
10-20 August Exams	7-16 August Exams	6-16 August Exams

Calendar Dates September 2009-August 2012

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED SCHEDULE OF DATES

2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012
7 September Labour Day	6 September Labour Day	5 September Labour Day
8 September Classes start	7 September Classes start	6 September Classes start
12 October Thanksgiving	11 October Thanksgiving	10 October Thanksgiving
11 November Remembrance Day	11 November Remembrance Day	11 November Remembrance Day
7 December Last day of classes	6 December Last day of classes	5 December Last day of classes
9 December Exams start	8 December Exams start	7 December Exams start
18 December Exams finish	18 December Exams finish	17 December Exams finish
1 January New Year's Day	1 January New Year's Day	2 January New Year's Day
4 January Classes start	4 January Classes start	3 January Classes start
15-26 February	21-25 February	20-24 February
Classes cancelled for Olympics	Reading Break	Reading Break
2-5 April Easter Break	7 April Last day of classes	5 April Last day of classes
16 April Last day of classes	9 April Exams start	6-9 April Easter Break
18 April Exams start	20 April Exams Finish	10 April Exams start
28 April Exams finish	22-25 April Easter Break	21 April Exams finish
12 May Classes start	9 May Classes start	7 May Classes start
17 May Victoria Day	23 May Victoria Day	21 May Victoria Day
1 July Canada Day	1 July Canada Day	2 July Canada Day
2 August B.C. Day	1 August B.C. Day	3 August Last day of classes
11 August Last day of classes	8 August Last day of classes	6 August B.C. Day
13 August Exams start	10 August Exams start	7 August Exams start
22 August Exams finish	19 August Exams finish	16 August Exams finish