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**S.99-55**

### Memorandum

To: Senate

From: Calendar Committee

Subject: Schedule of Dates 2000-3 to 2001-2

Date: June 11, 1999

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Attached is the proposed Schedule of Dates for the 2000-3 to 2001-2 Academic Year. In recommending these dates for approval by Senate, the Calendar Editorial Committee wishes to provide the following comments.

#### Fall Semester 2000-3

In this semester, November 11 falls on a Saturday and the usual practice would be to observe this statutory holiday on the following Monday, November 13. The Committee consulted widely within the University to seek opinion on the option of designating Friday, November 10 as the 'in lieu' day. Because the last day for classes is Monday, December 4, this option would result in 12 teaching Fridays and 12 teaching Mondays compared to the usual practice that results in 11 teaching Mondays and 13 teaching days for the remaining days of the week.

The primary argument for observing the in lieu day on Monday was community practice. Students, faculty and staff may have children in local schools or day-care where the holiday will be observed on the following Monday. To place SFU at odds with the community practice would be a major inconvenience for a large portion of the University. After reviewing the responses and discussing the various options, it is the recommendation of the Committee that all classes be cancelled and offices closed on Monday, November 13. When requests for scheduling information are sent to the departments and schools for the Fall 2000-3 Semester, special attention will be drawn to the reduced number of Mondays available for classes. In this way, those classes that normally meet only once per week can avoid a Monday assignment. The Committee is convinced there is no ideal solution and that the one recommended causes the least disruption to our community.

#### Spring Semester 2001-1

The recommended schedule includes a two day reading break but it has been moved to one week later as these dates coincide with the UBC reading break. By starting classes on a Thursday, the schedule includes thirteen full weeks of teaching days. Since we do not have any experience to measure the response to a reading break, the Committee recommends that the schedule for 2001-1 include a reading break.

#### Summer Semester 2001-2

With Victoria Day and July 1 falling on a Monday, there are only 11 teaching Mondays. However, it is not possible to apply the usual rule and extend the semester to include another Monday in the teaching schedule since that Monday, August 6, is BC Day – another holiday. Again, departments and schools will be advised of this when scheduling information is requested.

**Motion:** "that Senate approve the Schedule of Dates for Fall Semester 2000-3 to Summer Semester 2001-2 as set out in S. 99-55."

## SCHEDULE OF DATES 2000-3 to 2001-2

### Fall Semester 2000-3

Monday, September 4	Labour Day. Offices closed
Tuesday, September 5	Classes commence
Monday, October 9	Thanksgiving Day. Classes cancelled, offices closed
Monday, November 13	In lieu of Remembrance Day. Classes cancelled, offices closed
Monday, December 4	Classes end
Wednesday, December 6	Examination period commences
Saturday, December 16	Examination period ends
Wednesday, December 20	Final grade submission deadline
Thursday, December 21	Semester end evaluation
Friday, December 22	All grades released
Monday, December 25	Christmas Day. Offices closed
Tuesday, December 26	Boxing Day. Offices closed

### Spring Semester 2001-1

Monday, January 1	New Year's Day. Offices closed
Thursday, January 4	Classes commence
Thursday, February 22	Reading break. Classes cancelled
Friday, February 23	Reading break. Classes cancelled
Friday, April 6	Classes end
Monday, April 9	Examination period commences
Friday, April 13	Good Friday. No examinations scheduled, offices closed
Monday, April 16	Easter Monday. No examinations scheduled, offices closed
Monday, April 23	Examination period ends
Friday, April 27	Final grade submission deadline
Monday, April 30	Semester end evaluation
Tuesday, May 1	All grades released

### Summer Semester 2001-2

Monday, May 7	Summer Semester and Intersession classes commence
Monday, May 21	Victoria Day. Classes cancelled, offices closed
Thursday, June 7	Spring Convocation
Friday, June 8	Spring Convocation
Friday, June 22	Last day of Intersession
Monday, June 25	Summer Session classes commence
Monday, July 2	In lieu of Canada Day. Classes cancelled, offices closed
Friday, August 3	Summer Semester classes end
Monday, August 6	B.C. Day. Offices closed
Tuesday, August 7	Summer Semester Examination period commences
Friday, August 17	Summer Semester Examination period ends
Tuesday, August 21	Final grade submission deadline
Wednesday, August 22	Semester end evaluation
Thursday, August 23	All grades released