

5 December 2016
Proposed Changes to Academic Calendar

Motion:

The Faculty Senate approves of the proposed changes to the Academic Calendar as presented today, to include the addition of a January term, and the addition of a Fall Break in October, *subject to the development of quantitative measures* that will be benchmarks for the successful implementation of this program by the Provost's Office. These measures should include at least the following:

- Comparative student credit hour production in January, Spring, Maymester and Summer terms, in order to determine whether the goal of increasing student course-taking is achieved.
- Measures of student success in shortened Fall and Spring semester. These should include both short term (grades) and longer term (progression) measures, as well as appropriate measures of student learning outcomes that are already collected by departments, in order to determine whether shorter semesters are impacting student learning, either positively or negatively.
 - For example, data used in department annual reports, in Complete College Georgia reporting, etc, on student learning outcomes will provide benchmark data without requiring added work.

The Provost's Office will be responsible for publishing (via electronic communication as well as at a Faculty Senate meeting) these quantitative measures, and for reporting the results of these measures to Faculty Senate and the campus community on at least an annual basis.