

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
APRIL 26, 2017
Robinson Hall B113, 3:00-4:15 p.m.

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes of March 1 and April 5, 2017

III. Announcements

- Provost Wu

IV. Special Orders

- Election of Faculty Senate Chair 2017-18

V. Committee Reports

A. Senate Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Academic Policies

Academic Calendar

Annual Report

Budget and Resources

Faculty Matters

Nominations

Office of Graduate Education committees

Student Experience Redesign committee

Organization and Operations

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B. Other Committees/Faculty Representatives

Annual Faculty Senate Evaluation of President/Provost update [Attachment B](#)

Resolution to extend the ad hoc Institutional COI committee [Attachment C](#)

Annual Reports

Academic Appeals

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Admissions

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Adult Learning & Executive Education

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Athletic Council

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Effective Teaching

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External Academic Relations

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Faculty Handbook

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Grievance

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Minority & Diversity Issues	Link to annual report
Research Advisory Committee	Link to annual report
Salary Equity Study	Link to annual report
Technology Policy	Link to annual report
University Promotion, Tenure, and Renewal Appeal	Link to annual report
Writing Across the Curriculum	Link to annual report
Ad Hoc Institutional COI	Link to annual report

VI. New Business

- Student Senate Resolution regarding Open Textbooks [Attachment D](#)

VII. Remarks for the Good of the General Faculty

VIII. Adjournment

Attachment A

Academic Policies Committee

Faculty Senate meeting Apr. 26, 2017

The Provost's office is proposing a few changes to the 2017-2020 academic year calendars. These calendars, including the Summer Term 2018 calendar, were previously approved by the Faculty Senate. Please note that these changes are not related to alignment of the existing calendar with the calendar for online, 8-week module courses.

The Provost's office has submitted the Summer Term calendars for 2019 and 2020 for approval. (These had not been submitted earlier with the AY 2018-2020 calendars.)

The Provost's office will continue to submit the detailed Summer Term calendar in the academic year preceding the Summer Term.

Motion: The Academic Policies Committee recommends the Faculty Senate approve the changes to the 2017-2020 academic year calendars and approve the 2019 and 2020 Summer Term calendars.

George Mason University: Three Year Calendar: Fall 2017 – Spring 2020

FALL SEMESTER	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019
First day of classes	Mon Aug 28	Mon Aug 27	Mon Aug 26
Labor Day (University closed)	Mon Sept 4	Mon Sept 3	Mon Sept 2
Last Day to Add (Census)	Tues Sept 5	Tues Sept 4	Tues Sept 3
Last Day to Drop	Fri Sept 29	Fri Sept 28	Fri Sept 27
Saturday Classes in session	Sat Oct 7	Sat Oct 6	Sat Oct 12
Columbus Day Recess (Classes do not meet)	Mon Oct 9	Mon Oct 8	Mon Oct 14
Monday classes/labs meet (Tuesday classes do not meet this week)	Tues Oct 10	Tues Oct 9	Tues Oct 15
Mid-term evaluation period for full-semester 100-200 level classes	Mon Sept 25 – Fri Oct 13	Mon Sept 24 – Fri Oct 19	Mon Sept 23 – Fri Oct 18
Selective Withdrawal Period – undergraduate	Mon Oct 2 – Fri Oct 27	Mon Oct 1 – Fri Oct 26	Mon Sept 30 – Fri Oct 25
Thanksgiving (Classes do not meet Wed; University closed Thurs - Sun)	Wed Nov 22 - Sun Nov 26	Wed Nov 21 – Sun Nov 25	Wed Nov 27 – Sun Dec 1
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri Dec 8	Fri Dec 7	Fri Dec 6
Last Day of Class	Sat Dec 9	Sat Dec 8	Sat Dec 7
Reading Day(s)	Mon Dec 11 – Tues Dec 12	Mon Dec 10 – Tues Dec 11	Mon Dec 9 – Tues Dec 10
Examination Period	Wed Dec 13 – Wed Dec 20	Wed Dec 12 – Wed Dec 19	Wed Dec 11 – Wed Dec 18
Winter Convocation-Winter Graduation	Thu Dec 21	Thu Dec 20	Thu Dec 19
Degree Conferral	Thu Dec 21 Sat Dec 23*	Thu Dec 20 Sat Dec 22*	Thu Dec 19 Sat Dec 21*
SPRING SEMESTER	Spring 2018	Spring 2019	Spring 2020
MLK Day (University closed)	Mon Jan 15	Mon Jan 21	Mon Jan 20
First Day of Spring Classes	Mon Jan 22	Tues Jan 22	Tues Jan 21
Last Day to Add (Census)	Mon Jan 29	Tue Jan 29	Tues Jan 28
Last Day to Drop	Fri Feb 23	Fri Feb 22	Fri Feb 21
Saturday Classes in session	Sat Mar 10	Sat Mar 9	Sat Mar 7
Spring Recess (Classes do not meet)	Mon Mar 12 - Sun Mar 18	Mon Mar 11 – Sun Mar 17	Mon Mar 9 – Sun Mar 15
Mid-term evaluation period for full-semester 100-200 level classes	Mon Feb 19 - Fri Mar 23	Mon Feb 18 – Fri Mar 22	Mon Feb 17 – Fri Mar 20
Selective Withdrawal Period – undergraduate	Mon Feb 26 – Fri Mar 30	Mon Feb 25 – Fri Mar 29	Mon Feb 24 – Fri Mar 27
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri May 4	Fri May 3	Fri May 1
Last Day of Class	Sat May 5	Mon May 6	Mon May 4
Reading Day(s)	Mon May 7 – Tues May 8	Tues May 7	Tues May 5
Examination Period	Wed May 9 – Wed May 16	Wed May 8 – Wed May 15	Wed May 6 – Wed May 13
University Commencement	Sat May 19 Fri May 18*	Sat May 18 Fri May 17*	Sat May 16 Fri May 15*
Degree Conferral	Sat May 19	Sat May 18	Sat May 16
SUMMER TERM	Summer 2018	Summer 2019	Summer 2020
First day of classes	Mon May 21	Mon May 20	Mon May 18
Memorial Day (University closed)	Mon May 28	Mon May 27	Mon May 25
Last Day to Add (Census)	Tues May 29	Tues May 28	Tues May 26
Last Day to Drop	Fri Jun 8	Fri Jun 7	Fri Jun 5
Selective Withdrawal Period – undergraduate	Mon Jun 11 – Fri Jun 29	Mon Jun 10 – Fri Jun 28	Mon Jun 8 – Fri Jun 26
Summer Recess (Classes do not meet)	Tue Jul 3	Fri Jul 5	Not Applicable
Independence Day Observance (University closed)	Wed Jul 4	Thu Jul 4	Fri Jul 3 – Sat Jul 4
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri Aug 3	Fri Aug 2	Fri Jul 31
Last Day of Class	Wed Aug 8	Wed Aug 7	Wed Aug 5
Examination Period	Thu Aug 9 – Sat Aug 11	Thu Aug 8 – Sat Aug 10	Thu Aug 6 – Sat Aug 8
Degree Conferral	Sat Aug 11 Sat Aug 25*	Sat Aug 24	Sat Aug 22

***Proposed Changes (in green shading):**

Change Fall and Summer Degree Conferral dates to accommodate new sessions
 Change Spring University Commencement date per President Cabrera
 Change Winter Graduation name per President Cabrera
 Delete notice of Saturday classes in session

New calendar (in pink shading):

Summer 2019
 Summer 2020

Attachment B

Annual Faculty Senate Evaluation of the President/Provost – report from the Technology Policy Committee:

The Technology Policy Committee has excellent interactions with Marilyn Smith. She meets with the committee regularly during the academic year. She also brings her members of her senior staff with her who respond to our inquiries. She proactively supports us.

Attachment C

Motion: To allow the Ad Hoc Committee on Institutional Conflict of Interest additional time to complete its work, members of the committee move that the date of the committee's final report be extended from the final meeting of the Spring semester of 2017 to no later than the final meeting of the Fall semester of 2017.

Attachment D

A Resolution to Support Open Textbooks

R. #14

37th STUDENT SENATE

^{1st} Session

R. #14

A Resolution to Support Open Textbooks

IN THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY

September 22nd, 2016

Submitted by Senator Edwards

Resolution #14

Be it resolved by the Student Senate of George Mason University –

Whereas, the Student Government of George Mason University has recognized and opposed rising tuition costs, as illustrated by a Florida Virtual Campus survey of over 22,000 students, 65% of whom at one time did not purchase a textbook or dropped or withdrew from a course due to the cost of a textbook, and;

Whereas, the Student Government of George Mason University understands the financial constraints faced by our students to pursue higher education, and;

Whereas, the Student Government of George Mason University recognizes that the University Libraries has a program in place called “TextSelect” that offers the student body a means of managing these rising costs, and;

Therefore be it finally resolved, that the 37th Student Government of George Mason University supports an additional initiative proposed by George Mason University Libraries to encourage instructional faculty to adopt Open Textbooks and other open educational resources for the purpose of lowering the cost of higher education for all students.

Passed the Student Senate: _____

Attest: _____

Speaker Caleb Kitchen

Clerk Ryan Powers