

April 9, 2009

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Dr. Joe Chappell, Faculty Senator, College of Agriculture  
**FROM:** Advising Network Executive Committee  
**RE:** Proposed Change In Senate Rule 2.1.2 (Academic Calendar)

The University of Kentucky Advising Network Executive Committee strongly supports the suggested changes to the university academic calendar (Senate Rule 2.1.2) as indicated below.

1. The fall semester will begin on the third Wednesday in August and last 16 weeks including finals week.
2. The spring semester will begin on the second Wednesday in January and last 16 weeks including finals week.
3. The summer I session will begin on the first Tuesday after the end of the spring semester and last 4 weeks (20 days).
4. The summer II session will begin the first Thursday after the end of the summer II session and last 8 weeks (40 days).

If the changes are approved it will greatly improve the ability of the advising staff in contacting and assisting students with academic problems and improving retention rates. Colleges will have time to confirm degrees prior to the holiday break and opening of the spring term. The Registrar's Office will be better able to prepare accurate and timely reports for colleges and fulfill transcript requests prior to the holiday closing. It will set a permanent time for each semester to begin and avoid the conflict of graduation and Derby.

The sooner these changes are approved, the better it will be for faculty, staff and students. If you have any questions, please contact the chair of the Advising Network, Mike Shanks at 257-6306 or [jmshan2@email.uky.edu](mailto:jmshan2@email.uky.edu).



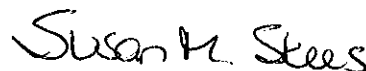
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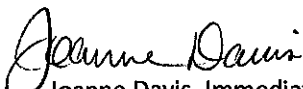
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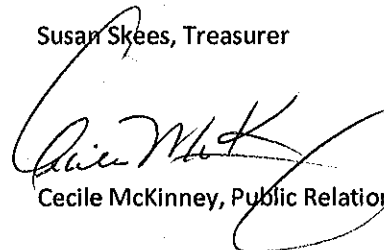
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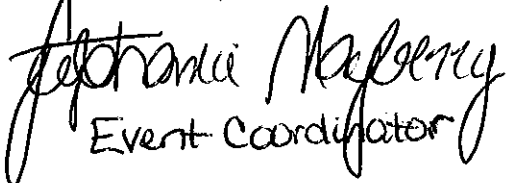
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