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TO: University Planning & Policy Council
FROM: Robert Gibson, Registrar
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RE: Fall 2005 Academic Calendar

The University Senate has adopted legislation to extend the 2004-5 policy to observe two Islamic Holy Days by the suspension of classes for the Academic Year 2005-6. The holy day of Eid Ul Fitr occurs on Friday November 4, 2005.

The EPC recommended minimum for the number of class meetings for courses meeting MWF is 39. The suspension of classes on Nov. 4th will reduce the number of MWF class meeting from 40 to 39 for morning classes and from 39 to 38 for afternoon and evening classes. (For your information, the recommended minimum for classes meeting once per week is 13 class meetings. This change will reduce the current 14 Friday class sessions to 13)

If the Council wishes to maintain the minimum of 39 MWF class meetings for classes beginning at 1:40pm, the previously approved Fall 2005 Academic Calendar could be amended to extend the end of the semester by an additional day. The changes would be as follows:

- Move the Last Day of Classes from Friday Dec. 9th to Monday Dec. 12th
- Move Reading Day from Monday Dec 12th to Tuesday Dec. 13th
- Move the First Day of Final Exams from Tuesday Dec. 13th to Wed. Dec. 14th
- Move the Last Day of Exams from Tues. Dec. 20 to Wed. Dec. 21st