

Since the following addresses only the changes, one would have to be well versed on the calendars to answer any questions about how this would impact other aspects of the calendars. So here is a first draft.

The Registration and Calendar Committee is considering a plan that will provide Appalachian faculty maximum flexibility in scheduling final examinations and insure that Appalachian meets the UNC system requirement that each course have no less than 750 instructional minutes per credit hour.

The Fall Semesters will change as follows:

Fall 2011 Classes begin August 23 and end December 15.

Fall 2012 Classes begin August 21 and end December 13.

Thanksgiving Break will be the entire week of Thanksgiving.

Fall Break is eliminated

Reading Day is eliminated.

The number of class days is increased to accommodate faculty preferences regarding final examinations.

Mandatory Final Examinations normally scheduled after the last day of classes (currently used to meet the required instructional minutes) are eliminated.

The Spring Semesters will change as follows:

Spring 2012 classes begin January 17 and end May 10.

Spring 2013 classes begin January 15 and end May 9.

Reading Day is eliminated.

The number of class days is increased to accommodate faculty preferences regarding final examinations.

Mandatory final examinations normally scheduled after the last day of classes (currently used to meet the required instructional minutes) are eliminated.