February, 2012

TO: All Faculty

FROM: Hannah Stewart-Gambino
       Dean of the College

SUBJECT: ACADEMIC CALENDAR – 2015-2016

At the February 7, 2012 meeting of the Faculty, I will move that the attached Academic Calendars be adopted.

The Faculty’s policies on the Academic Calendar (Faculty Handbook 7.4.e) as well as the following guidelines have been used to construct these calendars:

1. There shall be seventy teaching days in each semester.
2. An equal number of Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays shall be provided in those teaching days.
3. The January Interim session should have three full weeks.
4. The teaching schedule should interfere minimally with certain religious holidays.

Based on these guidelines:

1. Classes will take place on Labor Day.
2. Fall Break will be scheduled for two days in early October.
3. Thanksgiving holiday will be scheduled for three days.
4. Spring Break will fall between the 7th and 8th week of classes.
**ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015-2016**
*Presented at the February 7, 2012 Faculty Meeting*

**Fall 2015**

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Spring 2016

January 4-22  Interim Session
January 25  Classes begin
February 5  Interim grades due to Registrar by noon
February 5  Deadline for adding and dropping courses; conversion to pass/fail; audit declaration
March 18  Mid-term grades due
March 21-25  Spring Break
April 4-15  Pre-registration
April 18  Last day to withdraw from courses; WD to be recorded
May 6  Last day of classes
May 9-16  Final exam period
May 17  Senior grades due to the Registrar by noon
May 21  Commencement
May 23  All other grades due to the Registrar by noon
RELGIOUS HOLIDAYS
2015-2016

2015

*RAMADAN Thursday, June 18, through
      Tuesday, July 21
      (predicted date)

*EID-AL-FITR Saturday, July 18 through
      Tuesday, July 21 (predicted date)

ROSH HASHANAH Monday, Sept. 14 – Tuesday, Sept. 15
      (begins at sundown the day before)

YOM KIPPUR Wednesday, September 23
      (begins at sundown the day before)

*EID-AL-ADHA Wednesday, September 23, through
      Saturday, September 26 (predicted date)

2016

GOOD FRIDAY Friday, March 25

EASTER Sunday, March 27

PASSOVER Saturday, April 23 – Saturday, April 30
      (begins at sundown the day before)

Dean’s Excuses are not granted for religious holidays. The Faculty is asked, however, to be aware of the religious holidays and to accommodate students whenever possible.

*Muslim holidays depend on the sighting of the moon and can vary a day or two from the predicted dates.

Other Important Dates:
Thanksgiving – Thursday, November 26, 2015
Graduation – Saturday, May 21, 2016