

## ALL UNIVERSITY SUMMER COMMITTEE

July 15, 2025

9:00 – 9:40 a.m.

Virtual: Google Meet

**Present:** Michael Burns, Laura Garofoli, Patricia Marshall, Paul Weizer

**Absent:** Tim St. John

**Guests:** Franca Barricelli, Kris Braun, Barbara Cormier, Mouhamadou Diagne, Deresa Webb

### 1. Call to Order

Co-chair Weizer called the virtual meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### 2. Proposal to Recommend for Approval

#### **AUC #124: Minor Changes to the Spring 2026 Academic Calendar**

Franca Barricelli reviewed the recent AUC vote on the Fall 2025 Academic Calendar and presented the proposal for Spring 2026, which include:

- Moving Faculty Development Day to Thurs, 1/15 (from Tues, 1/13)
- Moving Department Meetings to Fri, 1/16 (from Tues, 1/13)
- Moving the opening of residence halls for all students to Mon, 1/19 MLK Day (from Mon, 1/12)
- Moving the beginning of classes to Tues, 1/20 (from Weds, 1/14)
- Moving the final day of classes to Thurs, 5/7 (from Weds, 5/6)
- Moving Reading Day to Fri, 5/8 (from Thurs, 5/7)
- Moving Final exam week to 5/11-5/15 (from 5/8-5/14)
- Moving the closure of the residence halls to Fri, 5/15 (from Thurs, 5/14)

She discussed the fact that these changes result in 80 instructional days for Spring 2026. When combined with the approved 74 instructional days in Fall 2025, the spring semester results in an academic year of 154 instructional days. After a group discussion of the various considerations for spring 2026, Pat Marshall moved, with a second by Michael Burns, to approve the proposed dates for Spring 2026 as reflected in AUC #124.

**Vote:** 4/0/0

Franca then proposed the idea of sending a list of guidelines or parameters for the academic calendar through governance, to simplify the process of approving each specific academic year. With the support of the Registrar, in attendance at the meeting as a guest, the committee discussed the benefits of this approach, including the possibility of predicting calendars even five years out. The group supported the idea, with Laura recommending that the calendar guidelines be prepared as AUC #1 in Fall 2025. She suggested adding the clarification that any AUC-approved calendar be consulted before any major changes to university-wide events. In addition, the committee recommended specifying that the following offices be consulted before any proposed changes to the academic calendar: Admissions, Financial Aid, SGOCE, Academic Affairs, Housing, and Athletics.

### 3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 am.