

**GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
AGENDA FOR THE FACULTY SENATE MEETING
NOVEMBER 4, 2015
Robinson Hall B113, 3:00 – 4:15 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of the Minutes of October 7, 2015

III. Announcements

Rector Tom Davis

President Ángel Cabrera

IV. New Business – Committee Reports

A. Senate Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Academic Policies

Academic Calendar 2017-20 and Summer 2016

[Attachment A](#)

Budget and Resources

Faculty Matters

Nominations

Organization and Operations

B. Other Committees/Faculty Representatives

V. Other New Business

VI. Remarks for the Good of the General Faculty

VII. Adjournment

Attachment A

Academic Policies Committee

November 4, 2015

1. The [2019-2020 Academic Year Calendar](#), as submitted by the Registrar, appears in the attachment as part of the 3-year calendar. The 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 AY Calendars were previously approved by the Faculty Senate.

The Academic Policies Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the 2019-2020 AY Calendar.

2. The [2016 Summer Term Calendar](#) that shows the summer sessions dates, as submitted by the Registrar, is attached.

The Academic Policies Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the 2016 Summer Term Calendar.

3. The [2016, 2017, 2018 Summer Term Calendars](#), appended to the 2015-2018 3-year calendar, as submitted by the Registrar, is attached.

The Academic Policies Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the 2017, 2018 Summer Term Calendars with the understanding that the individual summer session calendars will still be submitted to the Faculty Senate by the Registrar the preceding fall.

George Mason University
Three Year Calendar: Fall 2017 – Spring 2020

FALL SEMESTER	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019
First day of classes	Mon Aug 28	Mon Aug 27	Mon Aug 26
Labor Day (University closed)	Mon Sept 4	Mon Sept 3	Mon Sept 2
Last Day to Add (Census)	Tues Sept 5	Tues Sept 4	Tues Sept 3
Last Day to Drop	Fri Sept 29	Fri Sept 28	Fri Sept 27
Saturday Classes in session	Sat Oct 7	Sat Oct 6	Sat Oct 12
Columbus Day Recess	Mon Oct 9	Mon Oct 8	Mon Oct 14
Monday classes/labs meet (Tuesday classes do not meet this week)	Tues Oct 10	Tues Oct 9	Tues Oct 15
Mid-term evaluation period for full- semester 100-200 level classes	Mon Sept 25 – Fri Oct 13	Mon Sept 24 – Fri Oct 19	Mon Sept 23 – Fri Oct 18
Selective Withdrawal Period – undergraduate	Mon Oct 2 – Fri Oct 27	Mon Oct 1 – Fri Oct 26	Mon Sept 30 – Fri Oct 25
Thanksgiving (No classes Wed; Recess Thurs - Sun)	Wed Nov 22 - Sun Nov 24	Wed Nov 21 – Sun Nov 25	Wed Nov 27 – Sun Dec 1
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri Dec 8	Fri Dec 7	Fri Dec 6
Last Day of Class	Sat Dec 9	Sat Dec 8	Sat Dec 7
Reading Day(s)	Mon Dec 11 – Tues Dec 12	Mon Dec 10 – Tues Dec 11	Mon Dec 9 – Tues Dec 10
Examination Period	Wed Dec 13 – Wed Dec 20	Wed Dec 12 – Wed Dec 19	Wed Dec 11 – Wed Dec 18
Degree Conferral Winter Convocation	Thu Dec 21	Thu Dec 20	Thu Dec 19
SPRING SEMESTER	Spring 2018	Spring 2019	Spring 2020
MLK Day - (no classes)	Mon Jan 15	Mon Jan 21	Mon Jan 20
First Day of Spring Classes	Mon Jan 22	Tues Jan 22	Tues Jan 21
Last Day to Add (Census)	Mon Jan 29	Tue Jan 29	Tues Jan 28
Last Day to Drop	Fri Feb 23	Fri Feb 22	Fri Feb 21
Saturday Classes in session	Sat Mar 10	Sat Mar 9	Sat Mar 7
Spring Recess	Mon Mar 12 - Sun Mar 18	Mon Mar 11 – Sun Mar 17	Mon Mar 9 – Sun Mar 15
Mid-term evaluation period for full- semester 100-200 level classes	Mon Feb 19 - Fri Mar 23	Mon Feb 18 – Fri Mar 22	Mon Feb 17 – Fri Mar 20
Selective Withdrawal Period – undergraduate	Mon Feb 26 – Fri Mar 30	Mon Feb 25 – Fri Mar 29	Mon Feb 24 – Fri Mar 27
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri May 4	Fri May 3	Fri May 1
Last Day of Class	Sat May 5	Mon May 6	Mon May 4
Reading Day(s)	Mon May 7 – Tues May 8	Tues May 7	Tues May 5
Examination Period	Wed May 9 – Wed May 16	Wed May 8 – Wed May 15	Wed May 6 – Wed May 13
Degree Conferral University Commencement	Sat May 19	Sat May 18	Sat May 16

Approved by Faculty Senate: TBD

Academic Calendar – Summer 2016

	Session 1 12 weeks May 16 – Aug 6	Session A 5 weeks May 16 – Jun 18	Session B 8 weeks June 6 – Jul 30	Session C 5 weeks Jun 27 – Jul 30
First day of classes	Mon May 16	Mon May 16	Mon June 6	Mon June 27
Last Day to Add (Census)	Mon May 23	Thu May 19	Mon Jun 13	Thu Jun 30
Memorial Day (University closed)	Mon May 30			
Last Day to Drop	Fri Jun 3	Tue May 24	Mon Jun 20	Wed Jul 6
Selective Withdrawal Period – undergraduate	Jun 6 – Jun 24	May 25 - 27	Jun 21 – Jun 28	Jul 7 – Jul 11
Independence Day (University closed)	Mon Jul 4			
Summer Recess (Classes do not meet)	Tues Jul 5			
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri Jul 29			
Last Day of Class	Wed Aug 3	Wed Jun 15	Tue Jul 26	Thu Jul 28
Examination Period	Aug 4 – 6	Jun 16 – 18	Jul 27 - 30	Jul 29 – 30
Degree Conferral	Sat Aug 6			

George Mason University
Three Year Calendar: Fall 2015 – Spring 2018

FALL SEMESTER	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017
First day of classes	Mon Aug 31	Mon Aug 29	Mon Aug 28
Labor Day (University closed)	Mon Sept 7	Mon Sept 5	Mon Sept 4
Last Day to Add (Census)	Tues Sept 8	Tues Sept 6	Tues Sept 5
Last Day to Drop	Fri Oct 2	Fri Sept 30	Fri Sept 29
Saturday Classes in session	Sat Oct 10	Sat Oct 8	Sat Oct 7
Columbus Day Recess	Mon Oct 12	Mon Oct 10	Mon Oct 9
Mon classes meet instead of Tues classes this day only	Tues Oct 13	Tues Oct 11	Tues Oct 10
Mid-term evaluation period for full-semester 100-200 level classes	Mon Sept 28 – Fri Oct 23	Mon Sept 26 – Fri Oct 21	Mon Sept 25 – Fri Oct 13
Selective Withdrawal Period – undergraduate	Mon Oct 5 – Fri Oct 30	Mon Oct 3 – Fri Oct 28	Mon Oct 2 – Fri Oct 27
Thanksgiving (No classes Wed; Recess Thurs - Sun)	Wed Nov 25 – Sun Nov 29	Wed Nov 23 – Sun Nov 27	Wed Nov 22 - Sun Nov 24
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri Dec 11	Fri Dec 9	Fri Dec 8
Last Day of Class	Sat Dec 12	Sat Dec 10	Sat Dec 9
Reading Day(s)	Not Scheduled	Mon Dec 12	Mon Dec 11 – Tues Dec 12
Examination Period	Mon Dec 14 – Mon Dec 21	Tues Dec 13-Tues Dec 20	Wed Dec 13 – Wed Dec 20
Winter Degree Date	Tues Dec 22	Wed Dec 21	Thu Dec 21
SPRING SEMESTER	Spring 2016	Spring 2017	Spring 2018
MLK Day - (no classes)	Mon Jan 18	Mon Jan 16	Mon Jan 15
First Day of Spring Classes	Tues Jan 19	Mon Jan 23	Mon Jan 22
Last Day to Add (Census)	Tues Jan 26	Mon Jan 30	Mon Jan 29
Last Day to Drop	Fri Feb 19	Fri Feb 24	Fri Feb 23
Saturday Classes in session	Sat Mar 5	Sat Mar 11	Sat Mar 10
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Selective Withdrawal Period – undergraduate	Mon Feb 22 – Fri Mar 25	Mon Feb 27 – Fri Mar 31	Mon Feb 26 – Fri Mar 30
Dissertation/Thesis Deadline	Fri April 29	Fri May 5	Fri May 4
Last Day of Class	Mon May 2	Sat May 6	Sat May 5
Reading Day(s)	Tues May 3	Mon May 8 – Tues May 9	Mon May 7 – Tues May 8
Examination Period	Wed May 4 – Wed May 11	Wed May 10 – Wed May 17	Wed May 9 – Wed May 16
Commencement	Sat May 14	Sat May 20	Sat May 19
SUMMER TERM	Summer 2016	Summer 2017	Summer 2018
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Memorial Day (University closed)	Mon May 30	Mon May 29	Mon May 28
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Last Day to Drop	Fri Jun 3	Fri Jun 9	Fri Jun 8
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Summer Recess	Tue Jul 5	Mon Jul 3	Tue Jul 3
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