The Facts

- The University of Cincinnati will convert from a quarter-based academic calendar to a semester-based academic calendar in **fall 2012**. UC will divide the academic year into fall, spring and summer terms.

- The conversion is consistent with the University System of Ohio’s Strategic Plan for Higher Education. Ohio State University, Ohio University and Wright State University each are planning to convert to a semester-based academic calendar in fall 2012.

- Each UC student who transitions from quarters to semesters will be required to meet with an advisor to formulate an Individual Advising Plan. The creation of and adherence to that plan by students **will safeguard each student’s interests related to maintaining academic progress and degree completion** as outlined in the Semester Conversion **Pledge to Students**.

- **Conversion to semesters will not delay students’ graduation**, so long as each student follows the Individual Advising Plan he or she develops with an advisor.

- **Financial aid eligibility will not change for financial aid recipients.** While annual amounts of financial aid awarded will remain the same, the amounts will generally be divided into two semester payments rather than three quarter payments.

Regarding co-op

- UC’s celebrated cooperative education system **will continue** throughout the conversion period and beyond. (Co-op, which had its global founding at UC more than 100 years ago, is the practice in which students alternate academic periods with professionally paid work experiences related directly to their majors.)

- Each UC co-op student who transitions from quarters to semesters will be required to meet with a co-op faculty advisor to formulate an **Individual Co-op Participation Plan** based upon his/her Individual Advising Plan. UC co-op faculty will work closely with co-op students and co-op employers during the conversion.