

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE COMMENCEMENT OF FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS
IN ACADEMIC YEARS 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018

WHEREAS the University of Cincinnati began operating on a semester calendar in the 2012-2013 academic year; and

WHEREAS changes to the calendar were initiated that moved the start of Spring Semester one week further into the month of January, beginning with the 2013-2014 academic year; and

WHEREAS an unintended consequence of this change is that the start of the Spring Semester in the three academic years beginning in 2015-2016 would fall on the Tuesday after the commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; and

WHEREAS the Fall Semester of these academic years is also scheduled to start late, which will require that final examinations in the Fall Term be held in in mid-December, and

WHEREAS the University Community has found that a four-week long interval between the Fall and Spring terms is useful for research travel, study-abroad opportunities, and service-learning experiences, and that many wish to keep this interval between terms; and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate recommended in a resolution dated May 12, 2014, that the University Calendar and Examination Committee affirm the Registrar and Provost's proposal to move the start date of the Fall semester of the 2015-2016 academic year to Monday, August 24th, 2015, and to set the start date of the Spring semester of the same academic year to Monday, January 11, 2016.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate encourages the University Calendar and Examination Committee to move the start date of the Summer semester of the 2016-2017 academic year to Monday, May 9, 2016, the start date of the Fall semester of the same academic year to Monday, August 22' 2016, and to set the start date of the Spring semester of the same academic year to Monday, January 9, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate encourages the University Calendar and Examination Committee to move the start date of the Summer semester of the 2017-2018 academic year to Monday, May 8, 2017, the start date of the Fall semester of the same academic year to Monday, August 21' 2017, and to set the start date of the Spring semester of the same academic year to Monday, January 8, 2018.