

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE COMMENCEMENT OF FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS  
IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-2016

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

WHEREAS changes to the calendar 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 2015-2016 academic year will fall on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, after the commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; and

WHEREAS the Fall Semester of the 2015-2016 academic year is also scheduled to start late, on August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015, which will require that final exercises in the Fall Term fall on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and

WHEREAS the University Community believes a four-week long interval between the Fall and Spring terms to be useful for research travel, study-abroad opportunities, and service-learning experiences, and thus many wish to establish this interval between terms,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommends 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and to set the start date of the Spring semester of the same academic year to Monday, January 11, 2016.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that because similar timings between the Labor Day and New Year's Day holidays will exist in the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 academic years, the Senate encourages the Calendar and Examinations Committee to consider similar changes to the planning calendars for those academic years as well.