

University of Cincinnati Faculty Senate

February 12, 2009

Proposed Resolution

WHEREAS the University of Cincinnati is planning to change its academic calendar to a modified semester system in all of its colleges in order to facilitate transfer and articulation among the various members of the University System of Ohio;

and

WHEREAS the Chancellor of the University System of Ohio recognizes that contemporary and future communications technologies are transforming the way in which the professorate delivers course content, and are increasing the amount of contact hours faculty have with students outside of the formal classroom setting, and that thus the current Ohio Board of Regents' seat-time definitions of academic terms are rarely followed;

and

WHEREAS the three other universities making the transition to semesters in Ohio, namely the Ohio State University, Wright State University, and Ohio University, are considering academic calendars that employ fourteen week instructional terms and a one-week examination period;

and

WHEREAS faculty at the University of Cincinnati have noted many deficiencies in the calendar proposed in the Semester Conversion Task Force Report issued in May, 2008;

be it

RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate requests that the Provost and Registrar charge the University Calendar and Examinations Committee with the consideration of a modified semester or trimester academic calendar that will employ fourteen-week instructional terms and a one-week examination period for the Fall and Spring terms.