

**ARTICLE 16**  
**Calendar**

16.1 CALENDAR

**“Academic year” means that period between the first day of a fall semester and the last day of the following spring semester, excluding any summer or wintersession applicable to collective bargaining agreement.** ~~The academic year begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. The academic year will~~ **shall** be defined as 175 instructional days of which up to eight (8) days are for staff development. First- and second-year contract members ~~will~~ **shall** work up to three (3) additional days (for a total of 178 days for new faculty orientation.)

16.2 CALENDAR TERMS

The summer session is defined as beginning the day after the spring semester ends and extends through new faculty orientation days for the fall semester.

The fall semester begins with the first day of new faculty orientation days and extends through the last day of final exams in the fall semester.

The wintersession dates fall between the end of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester.

The spring semester begins with the first day of instruction and extends through the last day of final exams in the spring semester.

**The Fall and Spring semester comprise the Academic Year and are referred to as the primary semesters.**

~~16.3—SUMMER SESSION and WINTER INTERSESSION CALENDARS~~

~~Any summer sessions and/or wintersessions will **shall** be negotiated as specified in 16.4. Any future **summer and** wintersessions recommended and approved as specified in 16.4 will **shall** be excluded from the academic year as defined in 16.1.~~

***CALENDAR DATES***

***Calendar dates for the academic year and any summer and/or wintersessions shall be negotiated between the District and ACE. The Specific wintersession and summer session stop and start dates will be determined through the shared governance process at each college. by the individual colleges. Such dates will adhere to the calendar terms noted above.***

16.3 FLEX DAY ACTIVITIES

Flex days activities ~~will~~ **shall** be approved in compliance with Title 5. Flex days activities for each academic year ~~will~~ **shall** be coordinated through a joint staff development effort between the colleges. Representatives from ACE, the Academic Senate and the District ~~will~~ **shall** be included in the planning process for flex day activities. Flex day activities ~~will~~ **shall** include some activities generated at the department level. *Each college president has the option to declare one of the fall and spring semester flex days (two days total) as delineated in the academic calendar as required activities for all regular (contract and tenured) faculty.*

Student needs shall be the determining factor in scheduling flex day activities. Therefore, members may develop alternative activities to fulfill their obligation for flex days by submitting the appropriate independent flex activity application.

There ~~will~~ **shall** be no obligation for part-time faculty in the following categories to attend flex days activities:

1. Directed studies
2. Work experience
3. Classes starting after Labor Day
4. Instructors that do not have classes scheduled on a day in which flex days fall.
5. Hourly counselors/librarians and/or instructional lab faculty.

16.3.1 As part of the regular academic calendar, members are required to observe regular absence procedures of notification and absence reporting for flex days.

#### 16.3.2 Flex Day Exceptions

Instructional schedules ~~will~~ **shall** be established to meet the days and/or hours of instruction required by state mandates for specific programs.

Members teaching classes in programs with mandated days/hours not met by the flex calendar ~~will~~ **shall** meet the teaching requirements of the program in lieu of flex day attendance.

#### 16.4 Academic Calendars

~~For calendars commencing 7/1/08,~~

**2006-2007 Calendar (See Appendix)**

**2007-2008 Calendar (See Appendix)**

**2008-2009 Calendar (See Appendix)**

**Commencing with 2009-2010:**

- 1. All academic year calendars, including start and stop dates shall be negotiated between the District and ACE.**
- 2. All summer session calendars, including start and stop dates shall be negotiated between the District and ACE.**
- 3. All wintersession calendars, including start and stop dates shall be negotiated between the District and ACE.**

- ~~4. All academic year calendars, any wintersession calendars, and any summer session calendars shall be determined through negotiations between the District and ACE.~~
- ~~5. Start and stop dates for the academic year calendar shall be negotiated between the District and ACE.~~
- ~~6. Start and stop dates for any negotiated wintersession or summer session calendars shall be determined by the Calendar Advisory Committee, negotiated between the District and ACE.~~

All academic calendars to include wintersession and summer sessions will **shall** be determined through negotiations between the District and ACE.

**16.5 Calendar Advisory Committee**

The members of the Calendar Advisory Committee shall include:

- 3 faculty appointed by ACE (at least one from each campus)
- 2 classified appointed by SEIU (at least one from each campus)
- 2 administrators appointed by the Chancellor
- 2 students to be appointed by the Student Senate  
(one from each campus, non-voting)

The first meeting of the Committee shall be convened by the Chancellor or designee no later than Fall 2007. The purpose of the Committee is to (1) serve in an advisory capacity to the bargaining units and the District regarding calendar related dates and the effects on staffing and operations and (2) make recommendations for calendars commencing with the 2009-2010 academic year.

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