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BOARD POLICY

All units of the Nebraska State College System will utilize the same semester calendar and class starting times within the following procedures.

PROCEDURE

The Council of Presidents' will be responsible to review and make recommendations to the Board on any matters regarding the academic calendar.

Academic Year Calendar Guidelines:

1. Fall classes will generally have starting dates between August 20 and August 27.
2. The first semester will end prior to December 22.
3. Each semester will consist of 15 weeks of instruction, plus one week for final exams.
4. Labor Day will be observed and no classes will meet that Monday.
5. Fall mid-term break will be observed the Monday and Tuesday following mid-term, which will follow the Friday of the eighth week of the semester.
6. Fall break will be observed and no classes will meet on the fourth Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of November.
7. Fall commencement will be held on Friday of the week the semester ends.
8. Spring mid-term break will be observed Monday through Friday the week following mid-term, which will follow the Friday of the eighth week of the semester.
9. Spring break will be observed and no classes will meet on the Monday following Easter Sunday.
10. Spring commencement will be held on Saturday of the week the semester ends.

Class Starting Times Schedule

1. Classes fifty (50) minutes in length shall begin on the hour with ten (10) minutes between classes.
2. Classes consisting of 75 minutes in length shall begin on the hour or half-hour with 15 minutes between classes.
3. For inter-institutional evening courses delivered by telecommunications, class times will be announced nine (9) months in advance for the convenience of all students and campuses.

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Summer Sessions:

1. Summer session calendars are to be developed to assure comparable contact hours of instruction for credit earned as required for the academic year.

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