



ACADEMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

Minutes

October 13, 2025

2:00 PM – 3:00PM

Virtual – ZOOM

1. Attendance:

- a. Members: Kim Dunn (Chair), Stacie Rossow, Meredith Mountford, Zhijun Yin, Sharon Darling, Christopher Beetle, Fred Hoffman
- b. Guest(s): Marie Claire DeMassi, Maria Jennings and Iselgis Garcia

2. Call to order at 2:00 PM by Chair, Dr. Kim Dunn

3. Approval of the APBC Minutes from [September 15, 2025](#), meeting.

4. Calendars

- [26-27](#)

Proposal included observing **Yom Kippur** as a no-classes day.

Questions raised:

- 1. Why does Yom Kippur merit a day of no classes while other days of religious observance do not?
- 2. Is there any potential legal exposure associated with a University policy observing Yom Kippur by canceling classes.
- 3. How should the University make up missed instructional time in years when the Yom Kippur observance could prevent students receiving sufficient instructional time to meet the definition of a credit hour?
 - **Motion:** A motion was made to move the 26-27 calendar forward with no recommendation and invite President Hasner or designee to address the above questions to Steering. **Motion carries.**

- [Proposed 27-28](#)

- The 2027–2028 academic calendar was presented.
- **Motion:** A motion was made to move the 27-28 calendar forward with no recommendation and invite President Hasner or designee to address the above questions to Steering. **Motion carries.**

- [Academic Calendar Overview 26-27, 27-28](#)

5. Summer 2026 Calendar

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 - A one-time holiday was added on Monday, July 6, to extend Independence Day in celebration of the 250th anniversary of U.S. Independence. Because July 6 falls on a Friday and pairs with the weekend, there is no disruption to instructional time. Similar schedule adjustments have been made historically without issue.
 - The holiday will be renamed “Bisesquicentennial Break” instead of “Independence Day extended break” on the calendar to clarify that it is a university-declared break, not a federal holiday.
 - Motion: A motion was made to move the Summer 2026 calendar forward with the special break renamed Bisesquicentennial Break. **Motion carries.**

6. Other items

- SPOTS
 - The committee reviewed the use of spot dates (student feedback periods), which had been standardized for various term lengths as an experiment initially, then extended through 2024.
 - Concerns were raised about the long periods, with members noting that shorter spot periods yield more accurate feedback and that continuing extended periods without data is not advisable.
 - The committee agreed to review data from 2024–2025 at the November meeting.
 - Future discussions will consider adjusting spot periods to open after the withdrawal deadline and potentially limiting individual class spot periods to five days to improve reliability.
- Future Steering and UFS calendars
 - Dr. Beetle will work on the future calendars and present at a future meeting.

7. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.