

**CUSP RESOLUTION 2002-03C:  
Resolution to Accommodate Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
Observance in the University Calendar Criteria**

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Whereas, the University stipulated per Policy No. 221 that no classes be held on the holiday honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

Whereas, the approved university calendar criteria does not accommodate the loss of one instructional day, and

Whereas, beginning spring semester after the King holiday date does not allow for the scheduling of a full summer session, and

Whereas, the option of adding another Monday instructional day does not allow for the scheduling of a full summer session, and

Whereas, the university can not reduce the number of days between the end of term and Spring commencement because of the university tradition of distributing actual diplomas at the ceremony, and

Whereas, the university's calendar criteria stipulates that the fall and spring semesters shall be of equal length, and,

Whereas, students and faculty have 60 to 65 class days before a break during fall semester, therefore,

The Committee on Academic Support suggests alteration to the University Calendar Criteria, effective with the 2005-06 academic year:

- Restate the number of class days for each semester as 72 days.
- Include a long weekend break in October to allow a short break in fall semester.
- Begin classes on Tuesday during spring semester when MLK day coincides with first day of spring semester.
- All other criteria remains as previously stated.