

Date: November 9, 2009

To: GSU Community

From: Elaine P. Maimon, President *Elaine P. Maimon*

Re: Calendar Transition Announcement

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I am pleased to announce that beginning in Fall 2010, Governors State University will be operating on a semester-based academic calendar. The trimesters that have served GSU through its first decades will now give way to a more flexible calendar that will address the needs of our current and future students through the decades to come.

I want to express my gratitude to Dr. Linda Samson and the entire Calendar Research and Implementation Task Forces for the months-long process of research and analysis that went into their recommendations (January 2009). The Calendar Research Task Force, chaired by Dean Linda Samson, included: Ted Alex (CBPA), Beth Cada (CHHS), Rupert Evans (CHHS), Dor Fitzgerald (COE), Lisa Hendrickson (CAS), Rosemary Johnsen (CAS), Margaret Neumann (CBPA), Linda Proudfit (COE), Colleen Rock (SAS), Jane Siefker (Financial Services), Adam Taylor (Student Senate), Veronica Williams (SXL), and Freda Whisenton-Comer (Financial Aid).

The Implementation Team, chaired by Dean Linda Samson, was made up of Ted Alex (CBPA), Catherine Brady (CHHS), Carol Cortilet (Registrar), Dor Fitzgerald (COE), Marge Godowic (ITS), Lisa Hendrickson (CAS), Rosemary Johnsen (CAS), Gary Lyon (CAS), Eric Matanyi (Public Affairs), Joe Matula (CE), Margaret Neumann (CBPA), Colleen Rock (SAS), Barry Ryan (Financial Services), Jane Siefker (Financial Services), Jeff Slovak (Admin & Finance), Michelle Smith-Williams (Registrar), Adam Taylor (Student Senate), and Veronica Williams (SXL).

These same individuals, along with Jennifer Finn (Admissions), Lindsay Gladstone (Public Affairs), Linda Samson (CHHS), Bonnie Simpson (Registrar), Freda Whisenton-Comer (Financial Aid), and Jason Williams (ITS), working with their co-chairs Michelle Smith-Williams and Nick Battaglia (CE), are continuing in the deployment phase of this project.

You will be hearing more about the details of the new academic calendar in the weeks and months to come, as we plan for implementation in Fall 2010.

To allow for personal and professional scheduling, I have attached an abbreviated version of the calendar showing some key dates for the next academic year. For more specific questions, please contact your department/division head, your dean, Michelle Smith-Williams, or Nick Battaglia.

Many thanks to all for your openness to change and your good spirit on behalf of our students.