



RESOLUTION #14-06

Spring Break Future Academic Scheduling

Date: April 7, 2014

Authored by: Senator Nicholas Buford, Sophomore Senator & Comptroller Erica Adams
Student Representatives on the Faculty Senate Academic Scheduling Committee

Be it enacted by the Senate of Valdosta State University (VSU) here assembled, that:

WHEREAS, the Valdosta State University academic calendar is ideally structured in the best interest of all individuals affiliated with our institution—students, staff, faculty, and administration—and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate Academic Scheduling committee voted according to the following:

Fall Proposal A: 10	Spring Proposal A: 10
Fall Proposal B: 2	Spring Proposal B: 5
Fall Proposal C: 8	Spring Proposal C: 5

WHEREAS, the student representatives on the Faculty Senate Academic Scheduling committee presented a detailed list of all spring breaks of University System of Georgia (USG) institutions and voiced concern of a later spring break while committee members were focused on aligning spring break with the local city and county school system, and

WHEREAS, approximately 15% of USG institutions have spring break the first week of March, approximately 30% of USG institutions have spring break the second week of March, approximately 45% of USG institutions have spring break the third week of March, approximately 7% of USG institutions have spring break the fourth week of March, and less than 3% of USG institutions have spring break the fifth week of March/first week of April, and

WHEREAS, the only validation for the later spring break proposal approach was to accommodate the required hours for students who were engaged in practicums, apprenticeships, internships, etc. with the local and county school systems, to fulfill an "agreement" (not provided in writing) made by Faculty Senate Academic Scheduling committee members with the local and county school systems to attempt to align spring breaks in the future, and in order for faculty, staff, and non-traditional students to have the same spring breaks as their children, and

WHEREAS, aligning the Valdosta State University spring break with the local school system will affect the academic well-being, similar to the current academic calendar situation with no fall break, in which will require students to attend class eleven weeks consecutively without a break from the proposed start of school on January 11, 2016 until the proposed spring break of the week of March 28, 2016, and

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WHEREAS, the student representatives of the Academic Scheduling committee in addition to the SGA President have been willing to compromise on various issues (extending finals, removal of exam preparation day, adding fall break back, adding winter break) to achieve closure of the proposal discussions and in response to the student opinions presented in the SGA Future Academic Scheduling Resolution 13-04, but were disregarded to no avail regarding the concern of a later spring break, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution display the Student Government Association is not in support of the Spring Proposal A voted on by Faculty Academic Scheduling Committee to be presented to the Faculty Senate which attempts to align the VSU spring break with the local city and county school system during the week of March 28-April 1, 2016 (and formatted for the last week of March into the first week of April for the future years), and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Student Government Association recommends that the Spring Break period is held the immediate week after or no later than one week after midterms are scheduled for future academic schedules (Midterm: March 3, 2016 and Spring Break: March 7-11, 2016 or March 14-18, 2016 for the 2015-2016 academic calendar), and

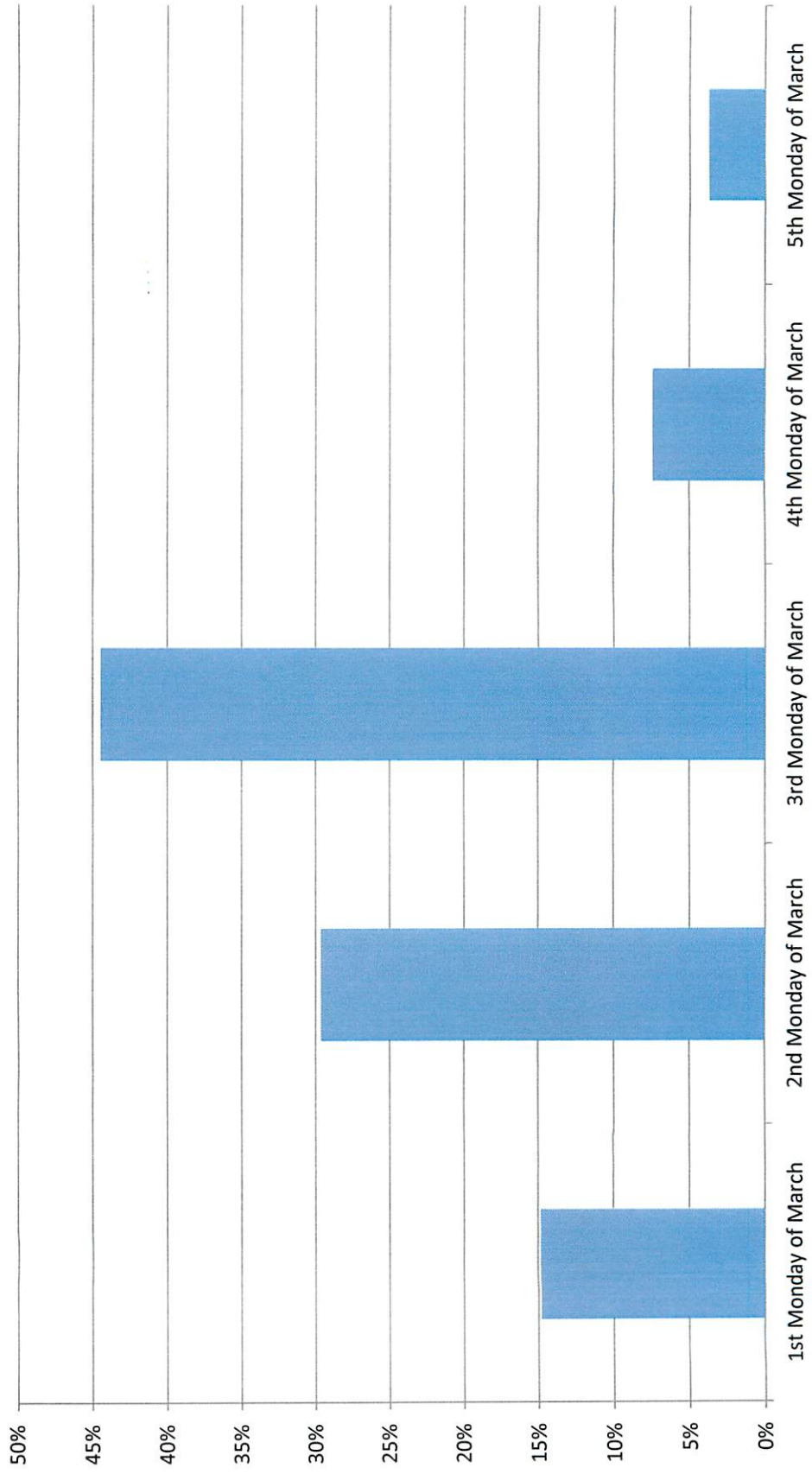
FINALLY, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Student Government Association President be responsible for the distribution of this resolution as deemed appropriate upon passage and signage.

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Initials:	<u>NB</u>	No:	<u>8</u>	Approval Date:	<u>04/08/2014</u>
		Abstain:	<u>0</u>		
Motion:	<u>Senator Mia Lewis</u>		Secondary Mover:	<u>Senator Ieshia Lilly</u>	
APPROVED	DENIED	VETOED	President's Signature:	<u>[Signature]</u>	

Spring 2014 USG Institution Spring Breaks

Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	3/17-3/21/2014
Albany State University	3/24-3/28/2014
Armstrong Atlantic State University	3/17-3/21/2014
Atlanta Metropolitan State College	3/10-3/14/2014
Bainbridge State College	3/03-3/07/2014
Clayton State University	3/10-3/14/2014
College of Coastal Georgia	3/10-3/14/2014
Columbus State University	3/03-3/07/2014
Dalton State College	3/03-3/07/2014
Darton State College	3/31-4/04/2014
East Georgia State College	3/17-3/21/2014
Fort Valley State University	3/10-3/14/2014
Georgia College & State University	3/17-3/21/2014
Georgia Gwinnett College	3/10-3/14/2014
Georgia Highlands College	3/24-3/28/2014
Georgia Institute of Technology	3/17-3/21/2014
Georgia Perimeter College	3/10-3/14/2014
Georgia Regents University	4/07-4/11/2014
Georgia Southern University	3/17-3/21/2014
Georgia Southwestern State University	3/17-3/21/2014
Georgia State University	3/17-3/21/2014
Gordon State College	3/10-3/14/2014
Kennesaw State University	3/31-4/04/2014
Middle Georgia State College	3/03-3/07/2014
Savannah State University	3/17-3/21/2014
South Georgia State College	3/17-3/21/2014
Southern Polytechnic State University	3/03-3/07/2014
University of Georgia	3/10-3/14/2014
University of North Georgia	3/17-3/21/2014
University of West Georgia	3/17-3/21/2014
Valdosta State University	3/17-3/21/2014

USG 2014 Spring Break Dates



2015 Fall Proposals

	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C
First class Day	Mon, 8/17	Thu, 8/13	Wed, 8/12
Fall Break	Mon-Tue, 10/12-13	Thu-Fri, 10/8-9	Thu-Fri, 10/8-9
Thanksgiving Break	Wed-Fri, 11/25-27	Mon-Fri, 11/23-27	Mon-Fri, 11/23-27
Last Class Day	Mon, 12/7	Mon, 12/7	Fri, 12/4
Preparation Day	None	None	Mon, 12/7
Final Exams	Tue-Fri, 12/8-11	Tue-Fri, 12/8-11	Tue-Fri, 12/8-11
Graduation	Sat, 12/12	Sat, 12/12	Sat, 12/12
Missing Classes	None	None	1-day Mon class
Handling missing classes	N/A	N/A	Using 1 st Wed Or meeting for 165 instead of 150 minutes. Skipping 1 st Wed? Extra Wed class
Calendar Days	117	121	122

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2016 Spring Proposals

	Proposal A	Proposal B	Proposal C
First class Day	Mon, 1/11	Mon, 1/11	Wed, 1/13
Winter Break	None	None	Thu-Fri, 2/11-12
Spring Break	3/28-4/1 Possible alignment	3/7-11 Mid semester No alignment	3/28-4/1 Possible alignment
Last Class Day	Mon, 5/2	Mon, 5/2	Fri, 5/6
Preparation Day	None	None	Mon, 5/9
Final Exams	Tue-Fri, 5/3-6	Tue-Fri, 5/3-6	Tue-Fri, 5/10-13
Graduation	Sat, 5/7	Sat, 5/7	Sat, 5/14
Missing Classes	None	None	1-day Mon class
Handling missing classes	N/A	N/A	Using 1 st Wed Or meeting for 165 instead of 150 minutes. Skipping 1 st Wed?

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2015 Fall Proposal A Calendar

2015 Fall Proposal A Calendar					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8
8/10	8/11	8/12	8/13	8/14	8/15
8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22
8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29
8/31	9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5
9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12
9/14	9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19
9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26
9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1	10/2	10/3
10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8	10/9	10/10
10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17
10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24
10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31
11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7
11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14
11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21
11/23	11/24	11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28
11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5
12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12

2015 Fall Proposal A Summary		
Mon, Aug 17	First Class Day	2,250 minutes
Mon, Sep 7	Labor Day Holiday	117 days from 1st class day to last final
Mon-Tue, Oct 12-13	Fall Break	6 days of breaks
Thu, Oct 15	Midterm	75 days of instruction
Wed-Fri, Nov 25-27	Thanksgiving	15 1-day classes @150 minutes each
Mon, Dec 7	Last class day	45 MWF classes @50 minutes each
Tue-Fri, Dec 8-11	Finals	30 MW& TR classes @ 75 minutes each
Sat, Dec 12	Graduation	No makeup or adjustments required

2015 Fall Proposal B Calendar

2015 Fall Proposal B Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
8/3	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8	
8/10	8/11	8/12	8/13	8/14	8/15	
8/17	8/18	8/19	8/20	8/21	8/22	
8/24	8/25	8/26	8/27	8/28	8/29	
8/31	9/1	9/2	9/3	9/4	9/5	
9/7	9/8	9/9	9/10	9/11	9/12	
9/14	9/15	9/16	9/17	9/18	9/19	
9/21	9/22	9/23	9/24	9/25	9/26	
9/28	9/29	9/30	10/1	10/2	10/3	
10/5	10/6	10/7	10/8	10/9	10/10	
10/12	10/13	10/14	10/15	10/16	10/17	
10/19	10/20	10/21	10/22	10/23	10/24	
10/26	10/27	10/28	10/29	10/30	10/31	
11/2	11/3	11/4	11/5	11/6	11/7	
11/9	11/10	11/11	11/12	11/13	11/14	
11/16	11/17	11/18	11/19	11/20	11/21	
11/23	11/24	11/25	11/26	11/27	11/28	
11/30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4	12/5	
12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	12/11	12/12	

2015 Fall Proposal B Summary		
Thu, Aug 13	First Class Day	2,250 minutes
Mon, Sep 7	Labor Day Holiday	121 days from 1st class day to last final
Thu-Fri, Oct 8-9	Fall Break	8 days of breaks
Thu, Oct 15	Midterm	75 days of instruction
Mon-Fri, Nov 23-27	Thanksgiving	15 1-day classes @150 minutes each
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Sat, Dec 12	Graduation	No makeup or adjustments required

2016 Spring Proposal A Calendar

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9
	1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16
	1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23
	1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30
	2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6
	2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13
	2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20
	2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27
	2/29	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5
	3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	3/11	3/12
	3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19
	3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24	3/25	3/26
	3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2
	4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9
	4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16
	4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23
	4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30
	5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7

2016 Spring Proposal A Summary	
Mon, Jan 11	First Class Day 2,250 minutes
Mon, Jan 18	MLK Holiday 117 days from 1st class day to last final
	6 days of breaks
Thu, Mar 3	Midterm 75 days of instruction
Mon-Fri, Mar 28-Apr 1	Spring Break 15 1-day classes @150 minutes each
Mon, May 2	Last class day 45 MWf classes @50 minutes each
Tue-Fri, May 3-6	Finals 30 MW& TR classes @ 75 minutes each
Sat, May 7	Graduation No makeup or adjustments required

2016 Spring Proposal B Calendar

2016 Spring Proposal B Calendar						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9	
1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16	
1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23	
1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30	
2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6	
2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13	
2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20	
2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27	
2/29	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5	
3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	3/11	3/12	
3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19	
3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24	3/25	3/26	
3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2	
4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9	
4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16	
4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23	
4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30	
5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	

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2016 Spring Proposal # C

Note: This calendar has 15 Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays / 14 Mondays / 16 Wednesdays.

The “missing” Monday (for classes which only meet once a week) can be made up by utilizing one of the 16 Wednesdays: i.e. the first “Monday” (for classes which only meet once a week) will be offered on the first Wednesday of the semester. At the same time, Wednesday classes (for classes which only meet once a week) will meet for the first time in the second week of the semester. We can afford to do this because we have 16 Wednesdays available. Should this approach create some unexpected issues, we also have the option to increase the minutes for all Monday classes (for classes which only meet once a week) from 150 to 165 minutes each to reach the required minimum of 2,250 minutes.

2016 Spring Proposal # C Calendar					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7	1/8	1/9
1/11	1/12	1/13	1/14	1/15	1/16
1/18	1/19	1/20	1/21	1/22	1/23
1/25	1/26	1/27	1/28	1/29	1/30
2/1	2/2	2/3	2/4	2/5	2/6
2/8	2/9	2/10	2/11	2/12	2/13
2/15	2/16	2/17	2/18	2/19	2/20
2/22	2/23	2/24	2/25	2/26	2/27
2/29	3/1	3/2	3/3	3/4	3/5
3/7	3/8	3/9	3/10	3/11	3/12
3/14	3/15	3/16	3/17	3/18	3/19
3/21	3/22	3/23	3/24	3/25	3/26
3/28	3/29	3/30	3/31	4/1	4/2
4/4	4/5	4/6	4/7	4/8	4/9
4/11	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16
4/18	4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23
4/25	4/26	4/27	4/28	4/29	4/30
5/2	5/3	5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7
5/9	5/10	5/11	5/12	5/13	5/14

2015 Fall Proposal # C Summary		
Mon, Jan 11	First Class Day	
Mon, Jan 18	MLK Holiday	
Thur-Fri, Feb 11-12	President’s Day Winterbreak	- 2,250 minutes- SACS requirement met
Mon-Fri, Mar 28-Apr 1	Spring Break	- 75 days of instruction – BOR
Fri, May 6	Last class day	- Spring Break to match area schools
Mon, May 9	Exam Preparation Day	- 45 MWF classes @ 50 minutes each
Tue-Fri, May 10-13	Finals	- 30 TR classes @ 75 minutes each
Sat, May 14	Graduation	- Exam prep day preserved for COA/students -
		- 4-days of Finals (IPC & SGA)