

Agenda
Calendar Committee
Thursday, February 2, 2012
Via Email

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. None

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request to reconsider dates of Christmas Break which were previously approved for recommendation in the proposed 2012-2013 Academic Calendar.

Calendar Committee Minutes
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Calendar Committee Chair, Dr. Gary Don Harkey, sent the following message via email to all members of the calendar committee:

Good morning,

Dr. Johnston has requested that the calendar committee consider his suggestion contained within his email below. Basically, his suggestion is to revise the calendar which was approved for recommendation yesterday by revising the Christmas Break as follows:

from Dec. 20, 2012 through Jan. 2, 2013 as recommended yesterday (10 working day break with employees returning to work on Jan 3, 2013)

to Dec. 19, 2012 through Jan. 1, 2013 (10 working day break with employees returning to work on Jan. 2, 2013)

In order to discuss, I will need a motion and a second. Please respond to all via email.

Thank you.

From: Dusty R. Johnston
Sent: Thursday, February 02, 2012 9:04 AM
To: Gary Don Harkey
Cc: Garry David; Gary Don Harkey; Joe Hite; John Hardin
Subject: 12-13 Calendar

Thank you for the update on the calendar committee. I still believe that we are putting a great deal of effort in to squeezing and possibly compromising important institutional functions for the opportunity for a 10 working day Christmas break versus a 9 working day Christmas break. Vernon College employees already have an extremely fortunate working schedule and environment. To my knowledge, in addition to the Christmas break, all employees enjoy 80 hours a year of vacation, 40 hours during Spring Break, and numerous other state and federal holidays. In addition, over time the Vernon College work week has been reduced from the normal 40 hour week to 36 hours per week during the fall and spring semester and to a 34 hour work week during the summer. Each member of our administrative team and all employees really need to be more aware of the continuing attitude of taxpayers across the state and the country in regard to the "perceived" good deal that public employees have.

With that clearly stated I am personally more comfortable in closing at the end of the workday on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 and returning to work at 8:00 am on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. I can think of no valid reason that I am willing to publicly state as to why the college would be closed on January 2. We have many students and community members who will be anxiously awaiting our return to answer questions, etc. for the spring semester. And, as I will continue to state, the students and the community members are the reason we all have jobs.

I am requesting you ask the calendar committee to consider my suggestion in regard to dates.

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After dissemination of this email, a motion was received from Shana Munson to amend the previously recommended calendar by revising Christmas Break to Dec. 19, 2012 through Jan. 1, 2013 with 12 month personnel returning on Jan. 2, 2013. A second to this motion was received from Greg Fowler.

Upon receiving the motion and second, the following email was sent by Dr. Harkey to all members of the calendar committee:

Calendar Committee,

A motion has been made by Shana Munson to amend the recommended 2012-2013 College Calendar which was approved at the regular meeting held Feb. 1, 2012 for recommendation to the VC Board of Trustees by revising the Christmas Break as follows:

from Dec. 20, 2012 through Jan. 2, 2013 as approved for recommendation on 2/1/2012

(10 working day break with employees returning to work on Jan 3, 2013)

to Dec. 19, 2012 through Jan. 1, 2013

(10 working day break with employees returning to work on Jan. 2, 2013)

The motion was seconded by Greg Fowler. The motion is now up for discussion . Please respond to all and I will leave this up through the weekend and call for a vote on Monday, February 6, 2013. Thank you.

The vote was called for on February 6, 2012 and the response was as follows:

Voting Aye – Mike Ruhl, Stacy Lallmann, Sjohnnton Fanner, Shana Munson, Joe Johnston, Karen Gragg, Darlene Kajs, Cathy Bolton, Barbara Jinks, Greg Fowler, Joe Hite, Dina Neal, Michelle Downes, Mark Holcomb, Christie Lehman, Kim Bateman.

Voting Nay – None

Abstentions – Kristin Harris, Melissa Elliott, Rita Lee, Clara Garza, Linda Haney, Mary Floyd

Motion carried