Motion to Update the Academic Calendar  
Passed by Admissions and Standards, September 10, 2007

Motion:  
Effective Fall 2008, the academic calendar is changed as follows:  

Deletions  Additions

Does not apply to the College of Law. See below for the dates for specific years.

Fall Semesters

Regular Session

First day of class--
The first Monday after August 19th. 
So the first day of class can be as early as August 20th and as late as August 26th. 
The 3rd Monday in August 
So the first day of class can be as early as August 15 and as late as August 21.
The first day of class is also the 1st Mon of the Fall Semester 
Labor Day Holiday*--Labor Day 
Mid-point--October 15th. 
Mid-point--October 1st. 
(If this date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the midpoint for the semester will be the following Monday.) 
Thanksgiving break*--From Tues before Thanksgiving thru Sat after Thanksgiving 
Last day of class--The 16th Fri 
Finals--The 16th Sat to the 17th Fri

Minimester I Session

First day of class--The 1st Mon 
Labor Day holiday*--Labor Day 
Last day of class--The 8th Wed 
Final Exams--The 8th Thur to the 8th Fri, during class time

Minimester II Session

First day of class--The 9th Mon 
Extra Tues class--The 11th Fri 
Thanksgiving break*--From Tues before Thanksgiving to Sat after Thanksgiving 
Last day of class--The 16th Fri 
Note: The clock for Fall Sat-only minimester II courses will be adjusted to have the required minutes in six meetings. 
Final exams--The 16th Sat to the 17th Fri
Spring Semesters

First day of class--
The first Monday after January 5th
So the first day of class can be as early as January 6th and as late as January 12th.
The first Monday after January 4th
So the first day of class can be as early as January 5th and as late as January 11th.
The first day of class is also the 1st Mon of the Spring Semester.
MLK Holiday*--MLK Day
Mid-point--March 1
(If this date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the midpoint for the semester will be the following Monday.)
Spring Break*--The 9th Mon through the 9th Sun
Last day of class--The 17th Mon
Finals--The 17th Tues to the 18th Mon

Minimester I Session

First day of class--The 1st Mon
MLK Holiday*--MLK Day
Last day of class--The 8th Wednesday
Final Exams--The 8th Thursday to the 8th Friday, during class time

Minimester II Session

First day of class--The 10th Mon
Extra Tues class--The 11th Fri
Last day of class--The 17th Mon
Final exams--During regular session final exam period
Summer Semesters

May Session

First day of class--
The 19th Mon of the previous Spring semester. (This also the Mon after the last day of the spring finals.)
The first day of class is also the 1st Mon of the Summer Semester.
[Note: because the spring has moved up a bit, so has the summer.]
Mon holiday*--Memorial Day
Last day of class--The 4th Mon
Finals--The 4th Tues and the 4th Wed

Seven-week Session

First day of class--The 5th Mon
Mid-point--July 1
(If this date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the midpoint for the semester will be the following Monday.)
July 4th Holiday*--July 4th or, if the 4th falls on Sat or Sun, the Mon which follows July 4th.
A. Years When the July 4th Holiday Falls on a Mon, Wed or Fri
Last day of class--The 12th Mon. Only classes canceled for the July 4th holiday will be held on this day.
Finals--The 12th Tues to the 12th Sat
B. Years When the July 4th Holiday Falls on a Tues or Thurs
Last day of class--The 12th Tues. Only classes canceled for the July 4th holiday will be held on this day.
Finals--12th Wed to the 12th Sat

Six-week Session

First day of class--The 5th Mon
Mid-point--July 1
(If this date should fall on a Saturday or Sunday, the midpoint for the semester will be the following Monday.)
July 4th Holiday*--July 4th or, if the 4th falls on Sat or Sun, the Mon which follows July 4th.
A. Years When the July 4th Holiday Falls on a Mon, Wed or Fri
Last day of class--The 11th Mon. Only classes canceled for the July 4th holiday will be held on this day.
Finals--The 11th Tues to the 11th Sat
B. Years When the July 4th Holiday Falls on a Tues or Thurs
Last day of class--The 11th Tues. Only classes canceled for the July 4th holiday will be held on this day.
Finals--11th Wed to the 11th Sat
*Although classes do not meet on this day(s), it still counts when counting up the number of days in the term. For example, even though classes don't meet, MLK Day counts as a Monday when counting 1st Mon, 2nd Mon, 3rd Mon, 4th Mon, etc. of the spring term.

Notes:

1. No one-day-a-week classes may be scheduled on the day of the week on which the July 4th holiday is celebrated.

2. In some semesters/sessions, there will not be enough Saturdays for classes meeting only on Saturdays to have the same number of classes days as classes meeting only once a week on some other day of the week. In those cases, the clock schedule for Sat-only classes will need to be adjusted so that Sat-only classes have the BOR-required number of minutes.

3. In scheduling classes, the Registrar's Office will be mindful of Georgia State University's limited classroom space and work to maximize the efficiency with which classroom space is used. Academic units desiring atypical class scheduling should be aware of this obligation of the Registrar's Office.

Rationale:

These changes are needed to bring the Georgia State calendar into compliance with new BOR calendar rules. Unlike previous rules, the new rules do not provide for any leeway in the calendar. The new rules effective specify uniform start and ending dates for the entire USG.
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### New BOR Academic Calendar Rules

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*This is an error. Dec 8, 2008 is a Monday.

**The range allowed by the BOR is one week longer for this semester than for other semesters.

Notes:

*The new BOR rules allow us no flex as to be beginning and ending dates unless we decide to have no Fall break and/or no Spring break.

*Fall semesters must begin on the 3rd Monday in August.

*Spring semesters must begin on the 1st Monday AFTER Jan 2, (i.e, Jan 3-9).

*Only choice is when to have fall/spring break.

*Only way to get a full week at Thanksgiving would be to hold Monday classes on the last Sat of the term.

*Our current spring break is earlier than most so that it falls exactly in the middle between Minimester I and Minimester II.