

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY
(Final; Action)

EP.22.003 Revision to the Policy Guidelines for Developing Academic Calendars and Update all Currently Approved Academic Calendars to Add the Juneteenth Holiday

BACKGROUND

Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker signed House Bill 3922 on June 16, 2021 officially recognizing Juneteenth as National Freedom Day in Illinois. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday. On June 17, 2021, it officially became a federal holiday.

The Juneteenth National Independence Day has been added to the University of Illinois System holiday schedule beginning June 2022. With the addition of the Juneteenth holiday, the Policy Guidelines for Developing Academic Calendars must be updated to reflect the observance of this holiday. The first observance of Juneteenth will be on Friday, June 17, 2022.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Educational Policy recommends approval of the following revisions to the Policy Guidelines for Developing Academic Calendars and updating all currently approved academic calendars to add the Juneteenth holiday beginning 2022 through 2030.

POLICY GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING ACADEMIC CALENDARS

7. Summer Session 2

1. Summer Session 2 shall begin no earlier than the Monday after the completion of Summer Session 1.
2. Classes and other mandatory instructional activities shall not be held on Juneteenth (June 19) or the day designed by the University to be observed as Juneteenth.
- ~~2-3.~~ Classes and other mandatory instructional activities shall not be held on Independence Day or the day designated by the University to be observed as Independence Day.
- ~~3-4.~~ A Reading Day shall immediately precede the first day of Final Examinations.
- ~~4-5.~~ There shall be nine (9) 2-hour Final Examination periods with four periods on the last day.

ADD JUNETEENTH TO ALL CURRENTLY APPROVED ACADEMIC CALENDARS

2022 SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SESSION 2

Friday June 17 (no classes) Juneteenth Observed

2023 SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SESSION 2

Monday June 19 (no classes) Juneteenth

2024 SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SESSION 2

Wednesday June 19 (no classes) Juneteenth

2025 SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SESSION 2

Thursday June 19 (no classes) Juneteenth

2026 SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SESSION 2

Friday June 19 (no classes) Juneteenth

2027 SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SESSION 2

Friday June 18 (no classes) Juneteenth Observed

2028 SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SESSION 2

Monday June 19 (no classes) Juneteenth

2029 SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SESSION 2

Tuesday June 19 (no classes) Juneteenth

2030 SUMMER SESSION

SUMMER SESSION 2

Wednesday June 19 (no classes) Juneteenth

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