

Academic Council Minutes

July 16, 2020

Midwestern State University

Voting members:

Dr. Marcy Brown Marsden, Dean, College of Science and Mathematics
Dr. Martin Camacho, Dean, Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts
Dr. Matthew Capps, Dean, Gordon T. and Ellen West College of Education
Dr. Jeff Killion, Dean, Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services
Dr. Jeff Stambaugh, Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration
Dr. Sam Watson, Dean, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Dr. Kathryn Zuckweiler, Dean, Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School
Dr. Marcos Lopez, Faculty Senate Vice-Chair

The Academic Council did not meet on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, but an electronic vote for the one agenda item was requested of the voting members of the Council. The following item was adopted by electronic vote. (*closed*)

New Business

1. Proposed Academic Calendar for 2021-2022- Darla English, Registrar

The 2021-2022 proposed Academic Calendar is presented for your review and approval so that it can be taken to administrative council next week and the August Board meeting. The administration, in checking with deans, indicated that they wanted to change from a Saturday start day of semester calendar in 2021-2022 to a Monday start day calendar for that academic year. While this reduces the first Saturday prior to most student beginning classes from being a class day, they indicated that this would be a workable solution. The spring break dates have not been set by the WFISD; however, they said the dates we were proposing look in line with what they normally do.

Classes Begin On Monday for Fall & Spring

August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 App Deadline for Admission – Fall 2021 Return to 5- day work	2	3	4	5 Summer II Final Exams	6	7
8	9 Summer II grades due by noon	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Faculty Meetings Registration	17 Registration	18 Orientation – new students Registration continues	19 Orientation – new students Registration continues	20 Registration continues	21 Registration continues online
22 Registration continues online	23 Fall Classes Begin (THECB common Calendar has on or after August 23)	24 Change of schedule & late registration Late Orientation?	25 Change of schedule & late registration	26 Change of schedule & late registration 4 th Day	27	28
29	30	31				

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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labor Day – No Classes	7 12 th Day	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 20 th Day	17	18
19	20	21	22 Part of Term A – Last day to drop with a “W”	23	24	25
26	27 Graduation Deadline Date for December 2021 Graduates	28	29	30		

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October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 1 st Graduation Deadline Date for May 2022 Graduates	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Part of Term A Ends	16 Part of Term B Begins
17	18	19	20	21	22 Part of Term B Census Day	23
24	25 Fall – Last day to drop with a “W”	26	27	28	29	30
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Spring 2022 Schedule of Classes available online mid-October.

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Priority App Date for Admission – Spring 2022	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Part of Term B – Last day to drop with a “W”	18	19	20
21	22	23 Thanksgiving Holiday – begins at 10:00pm	24 Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes	25 Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes	26 Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes	27 Thanksgiving Holiday – No Classes
28	29 Classes	30				

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December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 App Deadline for Admission-	2	3 Last Day of Classes	4 Final Exams Begin
5	6 Final Exams	7 Final Exams	8 Final Exams	9 Final Exams	10	11 Commencement
12	13 Grades due by noon Winter Mini- Term Begins	14 Winter Mini- Term Census Day	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Winter Mini- Term – Last day to drop	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas
26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Winter Mini- Term Ends (3	

Fall 2021 ends December 3 (15 weeks plus 1 week of finals = 16 weeks)

MWF – 42 class days

TR - 29 class days

S – 13 class days (includes Saturday before Thanksgiving but not the Saturday after Thanksgiving)

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 Registration	4 Registration	5 Registration	6 Orientation – new students Registration continues	7 Registration continues	8 Registration continues online
9 Registration continues online	10 Spring Classes Begin (THECB Common Calendar has on or after Jan 17)	11 Change of schedule & late registration Late Orientation?	12 Change of schedule & late registration	13 Change of schedule & late registration 4 th Day	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Holiday – No Classes	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 12 th Day	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

*THECB Common Calendar includes the following guideline: A public university or community, technical, or state college that begins its fall and spring semesters and its first summer term within 7 days of the date set by the common calendar is in compliance with the common calendar and does not require a waiver.

For Spring 2022 – will start on Monday instead of Saturday so a request does not have to be submitted to the THECB to begin more than “within 7 days”.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 20 th Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 Part of Term A – Last day to drop with a “W”	10	11	12
13	14 Graduation Deadline Date for May 2022 Graduates	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

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March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Priority App Date for Admission –	2	3	4 Part of Term A Ends	5 Part of Term B Begins
6	7	8	9	10	11 Part of Term B Census Day	12 Spring Break begins at 5:00pm
13	14 Spring Break – No Classes	15 Spring Break – No Classes	16 Spring Break – No Classes	17 Spring Break – No Classes	18 Spring Break – No Classes Typically MSU is closed	19 Spring Break – No Classes
20	21 Classes resume Spring – Last day to drop	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

MSU Spring Break – According to Ashley Thomas at WFISD, the dates have not been confirmed but her guess would be March 14 – 18. I have also emailed Amanda Raines at Vernon College – no reply yet.

Summer & Fall Schedule of Classes available online mid-March.

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April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Part of Term B – Last day to drop with a “W”	14 Holiday Break – No Classes	15 Holiday Break – No Classes	16 Holiday Break – No Classes
17 Easter	18 Classes Resume	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Last Day of Classes	30 Final Exams Begin

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May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 App Deadline for Admission-	2 Final Exams	3 Final Exams	4 Final Exams	5 Final Exams	6	7 Commencement
8	9 Spring grades due by noon May Mini- Term Begins	10 May Mini- Term Census Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 May Mini – Last day to drop with a “W”	19	20	21
22	23	24 May Mini Extended – Last day to	25 ”	26 Summer I Orientation & Registration	27 Summer I Registration continues	28 Registration continues online
29 Registration continues online	30 Memorial Day – No May Mini Classes Registration	31 Summer I Classes Begin(20 days)				

Spring 2022 ends April 29 (15 weeks plus 1 week of finals = 16 weeks)

MWF – 43 class days

TR – 29 class days

S – 13 class days (includes Saturday before Spring Break but not the Saturday after Spring Break or Holiday Break)

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 App Deadline for Admission- Summer II 2022	2	3 This Friday will be a class day. 4th Day Regular May Mini-Term Ends	4
5 Begin 4-day work week?	6 Summer Classes Begin (THECB Common Calendar has on or after 12/1/21)	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Summer I – Last day to drop with a	17 May Mini- Term Extended	18
19	20	21	22 15 th Day	23	24	25
26	27 Graduation Deadline Date for August 2022 Graduates	28	29	30 Summer I Final Exams Summer II Orientation & Registration		

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July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Summer II Registration continues	2 Registration continues online
3 Registration continues online	4 Independence Day – No Classes Registration continues	5 Summer II Classes Begin (20 days) Summer I grades due	6	7 Long Summer – Last day to drop with a “W”	8 This Friday will be a class day. 4th Day	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 Summer II – Last day to drop with a	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 15 th Day	28	29	30
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August 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Return to 5-day work week?	1 App Deadline for Admission – Fall 2022	2	3	4 Summer II Final Exams	5	6
7	8 Summer II grades due by noon	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Faculty Meetings Registration	16 Registration	17 Orientation – new students Registration continues	18 Orientation – new students Registration continues	19 Registration continues	20 Registration continues online
21 Registration continues online	22 Fall – Classes Begin (THECB Common Calendar has	23	24	25	26	27
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Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant to the Provost

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