### ACADEMIC CALENDAR, 1994-95

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1. **Contractual Period.** The beginning of the contractual period is unclear. It is assumed that the contractual period must start no later than August 29 to give faculty members adequate time for course preparation and to maintain a full work week during registration. Similarly, the end of the contractual period is unclear. The earliest possible ending date is June 25, leaving only 4 working days after the last final examination to finish grading. Making these assumptions, the contractual period would be 43 weeks long -- exceeding the Regents' requirement of 39 weeks. The Regents' requirement could not be met, even by squeezing out all preparation and grading.

2. **Budgetary Implications.** The excessive length of the contractual period has serious budgetary implications. Staff costs would significantly increase. Increases in costs must be covered by increases in support from the State, increases in tuition, increases in fees, or reallocation of existing resources. Students' living expenses would increase.

3. **Summer Credit Loads.** The summer session would need to be shortened to eight weeks. We would be obligated to reduce maximum summer credit loads from 12 to 8.

4. **Distribution of Activities across Days of Week.** The Registrar's Office reports that more classes meet on Tuesday than any other day. Friday has the least number of classes. Because holidays tend to occur on Monday or Friday, the impact of a short calendar has already been mitigated by concentrating classes toward the middle of the week.

5. **Consistency with Other Campuses and Schools.** The calendar is inconsistent with other campuses in the UW System and with most major universities. Consortial programs would be more difficult to manage. Transfers of students would be inhibited.

6. **Relationship to the Findings of the Working Group on Academic Calendars.** The Regents accepted the findings of the Working Group on Academic Calendars, established by UW System. The Working Group recommended against breaks just prior to final examinations. Almost all major universities have eliminated such breaks. The Regents have recently requested relief from the September 2 start date. A relaxation of this rule would permit a longer, more balanced calendar without the need for disruptive breaks.

7. **Implications for Research.** Summer research would be constrained to only two months. Very little vacation time would be available for faculty members accepting a two-month research appointment. Our ability to compensate over-committed faculty members by allowing summer support beyond two months would be curtailed. There would be a negative impact on the ability of our faculty to write proposals for sponsored research, to perform unsponsored research, or the pursue other creative activities.

8. **Summer Jobs for Students.** Students would only be able to work about two months.
The late start of the Summer Break would place most students at a severe disadvantage in seeking employment.

9. **Term Paper Deadlines.** Mechanisms to enforce the term paper deadlines would be needed.

10. **Language.** The descriptions of the recesses violate Regents' policy. The terms "Christmas Recess" and "Easter Recess" are prohibited.

11. **Other Holidays.** No provision has been made for MLK day.