Motion:

The Academic Policy Committee recommends to the Faculty Senate:


Rationale:

Karla Ashenhurst from University Relations requested that the APC recommend dates for Spring Break 2001, even though the academic calendar for that year has not yet been set, because there is a group interested in bidding on a conference to be held at UWM during Spring Break that year. The conference they would like to bid on would be the 2001 meeting of the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research. The NCUR’s mission is to promote undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity done in partnership with faculty or other mentors as a vital component of higher education. Established in 1987, NCUR has met in past years at such campuses as the University of North Carolina at Asheville, the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, the University of Minnesota, the University of Utah, Western Michigan University, the University of Texas at Austin, and the University of Rochester. NCUR meetings typically have some 2,000 participants, including faculty, administrators, and students. In order for UWM to compete for holding the 2001 meeting here, it is necessary to set the time of Spring Break, because the association will only meet on a campus during that university’s spring break. While NCUR would anticipate using rooms mainly in the Union, as well as a few in Bolton, they would need on-campus parking, as they would be staying in area motels and hotels.

Because the APC felt that holding such a conference at UWM would be a chance to show off our campus, we were amenable to proposing a time for Spring Break in 2001. As for the specific date we are proposing, the APC reasoned that if time is allowed for a thirteen class day intersession before the beginning of the Spring Semester 2001, the Spring Semester would probably begin on Monday, January 22, and thus a Spring Break beginning on Monday, March 19, would come pretty much in the middle of the semester, which was the wish of the committee.