

## **Teaching and Learning subcommittee consultation**

### **Key elements of the early start proposal:**

- Classes will begin a week earlier (August 17)
- Classes will be held on Labor Day (September 7)
- Classes will end the Friday before Thanksgiving (November 20)
- Finals week will run from Saturday, November 21 to Wednesday, November 25 (excepting Sunday, November 22)

### **General guidelines for calendar development:**

1. The fall commencement ceremony must be no later than December 22.\*
2. Spring break should be the week of the 11<sup>th</sup> Monday of the calendar year.#
3. There should be 3 weeks between the end of summer sessions and the beginning of the fall semester.
4. To the extent possible, each semester should have approximately 75 instructional days.\*
5. The first day of instruction for any semester should be a Monday.\*
6. Finals week must begin on a Monday and end on a Friday.

\* As approved by the Faculty Senate on 5-6-85

# As approved by the Board of Regents

### **The Senate is therefore being asked to do the following:**

**A) CONSULT on the overall change to the calendar, and**

**B) CONSENT to a temporary deviation from #4 and #6 of the guidelines** so that the Teaching and Learning subcommittee's preferred plan can be presented to the Board of Regents for approval, should Senior Leadership decide to implement these recommendations.