**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 11th 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.