



Digest

Digest means an item that has been through internal review of the Chancellor's Office and the review entities. The item now has form and substance, and is officially "entered into Consultation." The Council reviews the item and provides advice to the Chancellor.

Title: Use of "Academic Calendars, Scheduling, and Related Topics"

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Issue

Concern has been expressed in the field that the document "Academic Calendars, Scheduling, and Related Topics" is being used by the System Office as a compliance guideline for the development of compressed calendars even though the document has never been approved by the Consultation Council.

Background

The document "Academic Calendars, Scheduling, and Related Topics" was presented to the Consultation Council at its April 2006 meeting. Great concerns were expressed about the document and the lack of input from constituent groups in its development. As a result, the document was not put forward for approval, and the members of Consultation were assured that the document as it stood was not going to be used as a guideline for implementation of a compressed calendar.

Concerns expressed as recently as two months ago about this topic to System Office Staff were answered with the assurance that the document was not being used as a guideline. However, senior administration at a district is confirming that the System Office is holding the District to guidelines based on "Academic Calendars, Scheduling, and Related Topics" and requiring changes to proposed calendars based on the information in the document.

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