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President

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Dr. Ed Walker
President, Faculty Senate
Valdosta State University
1500 North Patterson Street
Valdosta, GA 31698

Dr. Laura Wright
President-Elect, Faculty Senate
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Dear Drs. Walker and Wright:

I am in receipt of the Valdosta State University Faculty Senate's recommended five-year calendar.

The Senate voted 34-11-4 in favor of the five-year plan.

In my memo to Dr. Walker, dated April 23, 2014 regarding the 2015-16 recommended calendar, I noted that:

"In terms of the length of finals week and the reinstatement of Fall Break, I concur with the Faculty Senate. In terms of the placement of Spring Break, however, I concur with the Student Government Association. A Spring Break placed in the twelfth week of the term: (a) is contrary to the reasoning used to reinstate Fall Break, i.e. that our students have worked far too long in the term without a break; and (b) would appear to favor only a small percentage of employees who would benefit from the concurrence of VSU and local school district Spring Breaks."

Thus, by this same reasoning, I am hereby directing the Valdosta State University Registrar to adopt the following as the official five-year calendar for Valdosta State University:

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1. The Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 calendars and finals weeks as recommended by the Faculty Senate;
2. The Spring 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 calendars and finals weeks as recommended by the Faculty Senate, **amended so that Spring Break falls March 14-18, 2016; March 13-17, 2017; March 12-16, 2018; March 18-22, 2019; and March 16-20, 2020.**
3. Maymesters and Summer Calendars as recommended by the Faculty Senate.

I thank the Senate for its prompt action on the five-year calendar, and thank the both of you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. McKinney', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William J. McKinney, Ph.D.
President

c: Office of the Chancellor
Office of the Provost
Office of the Registrar
Student Government Association