



Robert L. Barchi, President

July 31, 2018

Ms. Mary Mickelsen
Executive Secretary of the University Senate
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Dear Ms. Mickelsen:

I am writing in response to the University Senate's report and recommendations on Charge S-1506, RBHS and Other Rutgers Academic Calendars, as adopted by the University Senate in April 2017. I thank the members of the Senate's Academic Standards, Regulations, and Admissions Committee for their work on this issue.

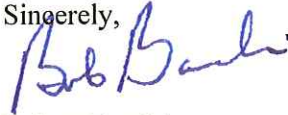
In accordance with Recommendation 1, a new webpage will be located on the website of the Office of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (OSVPAA), <https://academicaffairs.rutgers.edu>, to aggregate the links to the academic calendars of each of the academic units, a sample of which is enclosed. Staff within this office will maintain these links, and update the webpage as necessary. A link to this academic calendar page will also appear on the Rutgers Scheduling and Space Management homepage, where students are accustomed to finding the academic calendar. In keeping with Recommendation 2, I am also asking each of the Chancellors to include a link to the academic calendar webpage on the academics pull-down menu of their main campus website to increase its visibility for students.

Regarding Recommendation 3, there are particular requirements in a number of the University's academic units that necessitate students beginning and/or ending their studies outside of the dates included on the main academic calendar for Rutgers, in order to complete these degrees within a four or six year period, or to complete necessary program requirements within a semester or year. This is particularly true within the RBHS units. Additionally, many units choose to include on their respective academic calendars additional dates that are important to students in various programs within their unit. We will need to maintain unique calendars for these academic units. Having all of the calendars accessible from the OSVPAA website will help minimize confusion regarding these idiosyncrasies. By copy of this letter, I am asking Chancellor Strom to review the RBHS academic calendars to see if there are any unnecessary differences among RBHS calendars and the University's main academic calendar that could be eliminated without adversely affecting academic programs.

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I appreciate the time and attention the Senate committee has devoted to this very important issue.

Sincerely,



Robert Barchi

Enclosure

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