

# SPECIAL MEETING OF SENATE OPEN SESSION AGENDA

May 1, 2025 12:00 – 12:30 PM Zoom Only

## Acknowledgement of Territory

For thousands of years, Indigenous Peoples have walked gently on the diverse traditional territories where the University of Northern British Columbia community is grateful to live, work, learn, and play. We are committed to building and nurturing relationships with Indigenous peoples, we acknowledge their traditional lands.

## 1.0 <u>S-202505.01</u>

Approval of the Agenda

Page 1 That the agenda for May 1, 2025 Special Open Session of Senate be approved as presented.

### 2.0 Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

## "For Approval" Items:

### S-202504.03

Academic Dates – Academic Dates, 2025-2026 That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the UNBC Academic Dates for the 2025-2026 academic year be approved as proposed. Effective Date: Upon Approval of Senate

## Page 2 Effective Date: Upon Approval of Senate

## 3.0 <u>S-202505.03</u>

### Adjournment

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.



Motion Number (assigned by S-202504.03 Steering Committee of Senate):

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## PROPOSED MOTION

That the UNBC Academic Dates for the 2025-2026 academic year be approved Motion: as proposed.

Effective Date: Upon approval of Senate

Rationale: To adjust our upcoming academic calendar to address the following issues that were found with the previously passed academic calendar:

- Too many additional instructional days were added to the September semester to accommodate for one added day of commemoration (Truth & Reconciliation Day, September 30);
- The number of semester instructional days should be balanced to a standard 13 weeks, or 60-62 instructional days. In the previous motion, the Fall semester had an additional week of instruction, while the Winter had too few days;
- The withdrawal deadline was arbitrarily shortened by a week, which disadvantages students. The • withdrawal deadline should be 50% + a week, which allows students time to receive feedback on assignments and midterms:
- Exam periods abutted the last day of classes. Because we attempt not to schedule exams within the last two days of a student's last class, this means the exam schedule is condensed, thereby disadvantaging students. We attempt to put 1 or 2 non-instructional days between the last day of classes and first day of exams where we can;
- January orientation should be scheduled on a business day to encourage participation from the campus community;
- A Fall reading break, of varying length (as the calendar allows), is scheduled into the Fall semester at • a time that has the least negative impact on instructional days.

Motion proposed by: Office of the Registrar

Academic Program: All programs

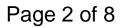
Implications for Other Programs / Faculties? All programs

Faculty:

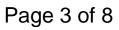
Faculty Council / Committee Motion Number:

Faculty Council / Committee Approval Date:

Attachment Pages (if applicable): 1 pages



INFORMATION TO BE	INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED AFTER SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MEETING						
Brief Summary of Com	mittee Debate:						
Motion No.:	SCAAF 202504.03						
Moved by: Trina Fyfe		Seconded by: Bill Owen					
Committee Decision:	CARRIED						
Approved by SCAAF:	04-09-2025 Date	Chair's Signature					
For recommendation to	-  , or information of	Senate.					



## 2025-2026 Revised Academic Dates for Senate Approval

## Original September 2025 Semester Dates (Fall)

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#### Proposed September 2025 Semester Dates (Fall)

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Orientation Day: Tuesday, September 2 Start of Classes: Wednesday, September 3 Add/Drop Date: Wednesday, September 17 Withdrawal Date: Thursday, October 16 Last Day of Classes: Tuesday, December 9 First Day of Exams: Wednesday, December 10 Last Day of Exams: Tuesday, December 23 Total Exam Days: 12 # of Monday Instructional Days: 13 # of Tuesday Instructional Days: 12 # of Wednesday Instructional Days: 14 # of Thursday Instructional Days: 14 # of Friday Instructional Days: 14 # of Instructional Days: 67 (13-12-14-14-14)

Orientation Day: Tuesday, September 2
Start of Classes: Wednesday, September 3
Add/Drop Date: Wednesday, September 17
Withdrawal Date: <del>Thursday, October 16</del> <u>Thursday, October 23</u>
Last Day of Classes: <del>Tuesday, December 9</del> <u>Friday, December 5</u>
First Day of Exams: <del>Wednesday, December 10</del> Tuesday, December 9
Last Day of Exams: <del>Tuesday, December 23</del> Friday, December 19
Total Exam Days: <del>12-<u>10</u></del>
Reading Break: November 10-14
# of Monday Instructional Days: <del>13</del> <u>11</u>
# of Tuesday Instructional Days: <del>12</del> <u>11</u>
# of Wednesday Instructional Days: <del>14</del> <u>13</u>
# of Thursday Instructional Days: <del>14</del> <u>13</u>
# of Friday Instructional Days: <del>14</del> <u>13</u>
# of Instructional Days: <del>67 (13+12+14+14+14)</del> <u>61 (11+11+13+13+13)</u>

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#### 2025-2026 Revised Academic Dates for Senate Approval

## **Original January 2026 Semester Dates (Winter)**

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#### Proposed January 2026 Semester Dates (Winter)

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Orientation Day: Saturday, January 3 Start of Classes: Monday, January 5 Add/Drop Date: Monday, January 19 Withdrawal Date: Tuesday, February 17 Last Day of Classes: Thursday, April 2 First Day of Exams: Tuesday, April 7 Last Day of Exams: Saturday, April 18 Total Exam Days: 11 Reading Break: February 17-20 Easter: April 3-6 # of Monday Instructional Days: 12 # of Tuesday Instructional Days: 12 # of Wednesday Instructional Days: 12 # of Thursday Instructional Days: 12 # of Friday Instructional Days: 11 # of Instructional Days: 59 (12-12-12-11)

Orientation Day: Saturday, January 3 Wednesday, January 7 Start of Classes: Monday, January 5 Thursday, January 8 Add/Drop Date: Monday, January 19 Thursday, January 22 Withdrawal Date: Tuesday, February 17 Friday, February 27 Last Day of Classes: Thursday, April 2 Monday, April 13 First Day of Exams: Tuesday, April 7 Thursday, April 16 Last Day of Exams: Saturday, April 18 Saturday, April 25 Total Exam Days: 119 Reading Break: February 17-20 Easter: April 3-6 # of Monday Instructional Days: 12 # of Tuesday Instructional Days: 12 # of Wednesday Instructional Days: 12 # of Thursday Instructional Days: 12 13 # of Friday Instructional Days: 11 12 # of Instructional Days: 59 (12+12+12+12+11) 61 (12+12+12+13+12)

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#### 2025-2026 Revised Academic Dates for Senate Approval

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### Proposed May 2026 Semester Dates (Summer)

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Orientation Day: N/A Friday, May 8 Start of Classes: Monday, May 4 Monday, May 11 Add/Drop Date: Tuesday, May 19 Tuesday, May 26 Withdrawal Date: Tuesday, June 16 Tuesday, June 23 Last Day of Classes: Friday, August 7 Friday, August 14 First Day of Exams: Monday, August 10 Monday, August 17 Last Day of Exams: Friday, August 14 Friday, August 21 Total Exam Days: 5 Summer Break: June 22-July 1 June 29-July 3 Convocation Day: May 29 Tentative Maintenance: Saturday, June 20 Saturday, June 27 # of Instructional Days: 60 63

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Original Spring Inte	session 2026 Dates (May-June)	
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