

**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 S-202505.01

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.

Page 2 **Effective Date:** Upon Approval of Senate

3.0 S-202505.03

Adjournment

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

PROPOSED MOTION

Motion: That the UNBC Academic Dates for the 2025-2026 academic year be approved 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 COMPLETED AFTER SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS MEETING

Brief Summary of Committee Debate:

Motion No.: SCAAF 202504.03

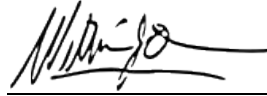
Moved by: Trina Fyfe

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)

September 2025

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October 2025

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November 2025

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December 2025

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28	29	30	31			

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)

Proposed September 2025 Semester Dates (Fall)

September 2025

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October 2025

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November 2025

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December 2025

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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

2025-2026 Revised Academic Dates for Senate Approval

Original January 2026 Semester Dates (Winter)

January 2026

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March 2026

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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

February 2026

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

April 2026

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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 (12-12-12-12-11)

Proposed January 2026 Semester Dates (Winter)

January 2026

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March 2026

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February 2026

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April 2026

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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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: ~~11~~ 9

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)

2025-2026 Revised Academic Dates for Senate Approval

Original May 2026 Semester Dates (Summer)

May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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August 2026

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Orientation Day: N/A

Start of Classes: Monday, May 4

Add/Drop Date: Tuesday, May 19

Withdrawal Date: Tuesday, June 16

Last Day of Classes: Friday, August 7

First Day of Exams: Monday, August 10

Last Day of Exams: Friday, August 14

Total Exam Days: 5

Summer Break: June 22-July 1

Convocation Day: May 29

Tentative Maintenance: Saturday, June 20

of Instructional Days: 60

Proposed May 2026 Semester Dates (Summer)

May 2026

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June 2026

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July 2026

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August 2026

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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

2025-2026 Revised Academic Dates for Senate Approval

Original Spring Intersession 2026 Dates (May-June)

May 2026

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June 2026

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Orientation Day: N/A

Start of Classes: Monday, May 4

Add/Drop Date: Friday, May 8

Withdrawal Date: Friday, May 22

Last Day of Classes: Friday, June 12

First Day of Exams: Monday, June 15

Last Day of Exams: Friday, June 19

Total Exam Days: 5

of Instructional Days: 29

Proposed Spring Intersession 2026 Dates (May-June)

May 2026

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June 2026

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Orientation Day: ~~N/A~~ Friday, May 8

Start of Classes: ~~Monday, May 4~~ Monday, May 11

Add/Drop Date: ~~Friday, May 8~~ Friday, May 15

Withdrawal Date: ~~Friday, May 22~~ Tuesday, June 2

Last Day of Classes: ~~Friday, June 12~~ Friday, June 19

First Day of Exams: ~~Monday, June 15~~ Monday, June 22

Last Day of Exams: ~~Friday, June 19~~ Friday, June 26

Total Exam Days: 5

of Instructional Days: 29

2025-2026 Revised Academic Dates for Senate Approval

Original Summer Intercession 2026 Dates (July-August)

July 2026

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August 2026

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Orientation Day: N/A

Start of Classes: Thursday, July 2

Add/Drop Date: Wednesday, July 8

Withdrawal Date: Tuesday, July 21

Last Day of Classes: Friday, August 7

First Day of Exams: Monday, August 10

Last Day of Exams: Friday, August 14

Total Exam Days: 5

of Instructional Days: 26

Proposed Summer Intercession 2026 Dates (July-August)

July 2026

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August 2026

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Orientation Day: N/A

Start of Classes: ~~Thursday, July 2~~ Monday, July 6

Add/Drop Date: ~~Wednesday, July 8~~ Friday, July 10

Withdrawal Date: ~~Tuesday, July 21~~ Tuesday, July 28

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

of Instructional Days: ~~26~~ 29