Proposal to amend the published 2008-2009 academic calendar
created by the committee on January 15, 2008

We propose to change the spring 2009 calendar in the following three ways:

1) The last day of instruction will be Friday April 17th.
2) All students will have four study days from Saturday April 18th to Tuesday April 21st.
3) All students will have final exams from Wednesday April 22nd to Wednesday April 29th.

Why should this be done?
After a recent analysis of final exam scheduling, it was determined that a final exam schedule for spring semester cannot be established prior to the start of spring semester unless degree candidates and non-degree candidates have a common final exam period. We believe that this modification to the calendar is the simplest way to accomplish this goal.

What are the larger effects on the academic calendar?
It reduces the number of instructional days by three. Degree candidates gain a study period (4 days) and have more days to take their exams (7 vs. 6). Non-degree candidates have the same length of study period and number of exam days. Instructors have the same amount of time to grade degree candidates.