Proposal for Common Calendar for 1972-73

March 30, 1972

On February 28, 1972, the Presidents of the State Colleges approved a recommendation by the Academic Planning Committee of the Connecticut State Colleges that the four colleges operate on a common calendar beginning next September. A copy of the proposed calendar is attached.

The common calendar provides for essential semester parameters and, more importantly, equal time allocation in the Fall and Spring terms. Within the parameters and semester periods, each college maintains institutional autonomy by providing the necessary patterns within semesters for the individual institution. Basically, each college may utilize the special talents and characteristics of its faculty, and may meet the needs of students, programs, facilities and the region in providing and developing academic, professional and public services.

With the development of specialized programs in the various institutions, it is essential that students have the opportunity to take advantage of such offerings in any of the institutions. As the calendar among the four colleges is stabilized, then such student movement would be easier and more effective. Further, appropriate exchange of faculty in light of program needs and developing specialities could be made without serious maladjustment because of semester differentials.

It is recommended that the proposed calendar be approved and be presented for action to the Board of Trustees for the State Colleges on April 7, 1972.
CALENDAR: ACADEMIC YEAR 1972-73

First Semester

August 28, 1972
August 28 - 31

Academic Year and Academic Semester Begins
Registration & Orientation for Faculty
and New Students
Classes Begin - 8:00 a.m.
Thanksgiving Recess Begins - 10:00 p.m.
Thanksgiving Recess Ends - 8:00 a.m.
Classes End - 10:00 p.m.
Beginning of Reading Period & Semester Examinations
Academic Semester Ends - 10:00 p.m.

Second Semester

January 15, 1973
January 15 - 19
January 22
March 31
April 9
May 12
May 14

June 1

Academic Semester Begins
Registration & Orientation for Faculty & New Students
Classes Begin - 8:00 a.m.
Spring Recess Begins - 2:00 p.m.
Spring Recess Ends - 8:00 a.m.
Classes End - 2:00 p.m.
Beginning of Reading Period and Semester Examinations
COMMENCEMENT
Academic Year & Academic Semester Ends - 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER SESSION - 1973

June 23
June 25
July 4
August 3
August 17

Registration
Summer Session Classes Begin
Independence Day (Holiday)
Six-week Session Ends
Eight-week Session Ends

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April 11, 1972

TO: College Presidents

Enclosed are four resolutions adopted by the Board of Trustees at the regular meeting on April 7, 1972;

1. A resolution adopting a common calendar for the four colleges.

   It was understood that this common calendar would allow local variations within the parameters indicated. Mrs. Sole of the Faculty Advisory Council suggested in a discussion in the Planning Committee the advisability of setting aside one or two days each semester for post-registration counseling of students. From a discussion following Philip Stull's suggestion from the Student Advisory Board that students be given two days off for taking care of their voting obligations, it was agreed that this was undesirable but that local arrangements could be made to avoid tests during that period (or else to allow students to make them up) and to excuse students from classes who had to go any distance to vote.

2. A resolution adopting a common catalogue statement on credit by examination.

   In response to Mrs. Sole's thought in behalf of the Faculty Advisory Council that the local Faculty Senates should have a hand in implementing this resolution, it was said that this resolution merely established the principle of giving credit by examination and that details would be worked out by each of the colleges.

3. A resolution adopting a common catalogue statement on student interchange.

4. A resolution authorizing increases in board and room fees at the colleges either in the fall of 1972 or the fall of 1973. Supporting material is attached to the enclosed resolution. Ratification by CHE is necessary before implementation.

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cc: Mrs. Edna M. Sole
    Mr. Philip M. Stull

J. Eugene Smith
Executive Secretary