

Students First

Campus Management Team Recommendation

Description of Recommendation:

One calendar should be implemented in Campus Management.

The calendar will include dates common to all divisions of the University.

The Office of the Registrar will be charged with maintaining the calendar.

Underlying Opportunities:

The establishment of a single, centrally-maintained calendar will provide a source of both information and control. The calendar will serve as the foundation on which many, if not most, of the activities of the University will be planned. It will also serve the management system in establishing the access dates related to numerous functions.

Pros Supporting the Recommendation

Efficiency of one calendar in terms of both time and money

Security of single-location maintenance

Simplified source of information

Requires adherence to established university policy

Requires planning in a timely manner for students and both
academic and non-academic departments.

Essential to fee payment plan implementation

Cons Against the Recommendation

Requires adherence to established university policy

Requires advising at all campuses simultaneously

Requires non-traditional students at Southaven and Tupelo to make academic decisions at an earlier date

Issues, Concerns, or Currently Unresolved Aspects of the Recommendation:

There remain financial issues related to the differences in policies on the Oxford campus and other campuses. The single calendar and its implications will dictate that such actions as assessment of the registration fee and the drop/add fees be consistent without regard to location. Individuals in Continuing Studies have expressed concerns over penalizing continuing students, who may not be able to make decisions early enough to avoid the registration fee. They also see the drop/add fee as a penalty because of the uncertainty of the class schedule at the other campuses.

Continuing Studies also present the unique challenge to the calendar driven system of events that cannot fit the established schedule. Yet to be determined are who will collect the fees associated with those events, what the drop/add and refund policies will be and the process by which charges are posted to the Bursar account.