ARTICLE 16

Calendar

16.1 Calendar

“Academic Year” means that period between the first day of a fall semester and the last day of the following spring semester, excluding any summer or winter session applicable to the collecting bargaining agreement. The academic year shall be defined as at least 175 instructional days but no more than 186 instructional days, inclusive of Mondays through Saturdays, of which up to eight (8) days may be designated for staff development. First- and second-year contract members shall work up to three (3) additional days to attend new faculty orientations.

16.2 Calendar Terms

The summer session is defined as beginning the day after the spring semester ends and extends through new faculty orientation days for the fall semester.

The fall semester begins with the first day of new faculty orientation days and extends through the last day of final exams in the fall semester.

The winter session dates fall between the end of the fall semester and the beginning of the spring semester.

The spring semester begins with the first day of instruction and extends through the last day of final exams in the spring semester.

Fall and Spring semester comprise the Academic Year and are referred to as the primary semesters.

16.3 Flex Day Activities

A flex day is an instructional day designated for staff development. Flex day activities will be coordinated through a joint staff development effort between the colleges. Representatives from WVMFT, AFT 6554, the Academic Senate and the District shall be included in the planning process for flex day activities. Flex day activities shall include some activities generated at the department level.

Student needs shall be the determining factor in scheduling flex days activities. Therefore, members may develop alternative activities to fulfill their professional development needs.
There shall be no obligation for part-time faculty in the following categories to attend Flex Day activities:

a. Directed Studies.
b. Work Experience.
c. Classes starting after Labor Day.
d. Instructors who do not have classes scheduled on a day in which flex days fall.
e. Hourly Counselors/Librarians and/or Instructional Lab Faculty.

16.3.1 As part of the regular academic calendar, members are required to observe regular absence procedures of notification and absence reporting for flex days.

16.3.2 **Flex Day Exceptions**
Instructional schedules shall be established to meet the days and/or hours of instruction required by state mandates for specific programs.

Members teaching classes in programs with mandated days/hours not met by the flex calendar shall meet the teaching requirements of the program in lieu of flex day attendance.

16.4 **Calendars**

All academic calendars to include winter session and summer sessions shall be determined through negotiations between the District and WVMFT, AFT 6554.

See Appendix C for the following Academic Calendars: 2016-2017 Calendar
2017-2018 Calendar
2018-2019 Calendar
2019-2020 Calendar
2020-2021 Calendar

16.5 **Calendar Advisory Committee**

The members of the Calendar Advisory Committee shall include:

- 3 faculty appointed by WVMFT, AFT 6554 (at least one from each campus)
- 2 classified appointed by WVMCEA (at least one from each campus)
- 2 administrators appointed by the Chancellor
- 2 students to be appointed by the Student Senate (one from each campus, non-voting)
The first meeting of the Committee shall be convened by the Chancellor or designee no later than Fall 2007. The purpose of the Committee is to (1) serve in an advisory capacity to the bargaining units and the District regarding calendar related dates and the effects on staffing and operations and (2) make recommendations for calendars commencing with the 2009-2010 academic year.

16.6 Holidays

The Academic Calendar shall not include any instructional days scheduled on the following holidays:

- Labor Day
- Veterans’ Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year’s Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- Lincoln’s Birthday
- President’s Day
- Cesar Chavez Day
- Memorial Day

However, the specific dates of observance of such holidays shall be as indicated on the Academic Calendar and in compliance with Ed Code §79020.