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MEMORANDUM

Date: July 14, 2017
To: Lisa Hoferkamp, UA Faculty Alliance Chair
From: James R. Johnsen, UA President *James R. Johnsen*
Re: Clarification of Summit Team Decision on Faculty Alliance Recommended Improvements to Common Academic Calendar

Thank you for requesting clarification to the Summit Team's decision regarding the Faculty Alliance recommended improvements to the common academic calendar (below) sent to the chancellors in my June 15, 2017 memo.

Recommendation No. 1: To designate the Wednesday before Thanksgiving as a non-teaching day for all the universities.

Recommendation No. 2: Each campus should have the discretion to designate non-teaching days.

After a thorough discussion of the two recommendations, the Summit Team decided that chancellors may designate, at their respective universities, one non-teaching day during the academic year. Each chancellor may designate the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, or some other day, as the one non-teaching day for their campus based on the specific needs of their campus.

The Summit Team appreciates and recognizes the effort of the Alliance in making these recommendations. With this matter, I believe it is important that each chancellor have discretion based on what's best for each campus. I expect they will consult with the appropriate governance groups as they decide which day to select.

I look forward to increased shared governance engagement at our first expanded Summit Team meeting in August.

JRJ

cc: Chancellors
Morgan Dufseth, System Governance Executive Officer