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Date: July 7, 2017
To: James R. Johnsen, UA President
From: Lisa Hoferkamp, UA Faculty Alliance Chair ^{DS} LH
Subject: Common Calendar; Non-teaching days

Thank you for your memo of June 16, 2017 describing the decision reached by the Summit Team after its consideration of the Faculty Alliance recommendations (dated February 10, 2017). The Alliance appreciates the consideration provided by the Summit Team to their recommendations regarding effective implementation of the system-wide academic calendar and associated non-teaching days. The June 16 memo is clear regarding the designation of one non-teaching day at each university per academic year, however, there remains uncertainty as to the status of the Wednesday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Alliance dedicated a great deal of time and attention to their recommendations in order to ensure an equal number of specific week days were allotted to each of the fall and spring semesters. This effort was primarily driven by the need to provide an equal number of instructional hours to students enrolled in the same course but different lab sections as well as an equal number of teaching days during the fall and spring semesters. With that in mind, a clarification of the Summit Team decision would be further appreciated. If that final decision differs from the Alliance's recommendations, a summary of the deliberations leading to that decision would be appreciated by faculty that dedicated significant time to the issue. In addition, details surrounding Summit Team decisions will be useful to the Common Calendar Committee (re-established February 10, 2017) as they pursue their charge as well as to shared governance bodies across the University that are affected by the Summit Team's decisions.

The Faculty Alliance looks forward to the requested information and to future successful efforts at shared governance.