

**UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE**

**Academic Standards & Calendar Committee
Report #2007-08-1
Fall 2008**

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee met on October 3, 2007 to consider a request from the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to revise the Fall 2008 Calendar. It had been brought to the Executive Committee's attention that the existing calendar for fall 2008 had the Advising Day scheduled for the Friday before Labor Day. This presented a significant problem for the URI Community that had been overlooked when the original calendar was approved (i.e. dormitories and dining halls would have to be opened and fully staffed two days earlier than they normally are; off campus housing for students is not available before Labor Day).

In order to change the date of Advising Day from the Friday before Labor Day to the Tuesday after Labor Day, the Committee considered the following three options:

1. Extend the last day of classes by one day to December 9 and eliminate one of the two reading days, leaving December 10 as a reading day and maintain the final exam period;
2. Extend the last day of classes to December 9, designating December 10 and 11 as reading days, and move the last day of final exams from Friday, December 19 to Monday, December 22 with Tuesday, December 23 as the make-up exam day;
3. Hold classes on either Election Day, November 4 (Presidential Election) or Veteran's Day, November 11. In either case, classes would be held on a state holiday when offices are closed.

The three options were discussed as to the viability and consequences of each. Although the student member of the committee advocated for Option 2 (two reading days-extend exam period), the committee decided that Option 1 (one reading day) was the most viable for the entire University.

The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee recommends that the Faculty Senate approve the revised calendar for Fall 2008 that appears on the following pages.

	<i>Approved Fall 2008 Calendar</i>	<i>Proposed Fall 2008 Calendar</i>
Labor Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	Sep. 1	Sep. 1
Advising Day	Aug. 29	Sep. 2
Classes begin	Sep. 2	Sep. 3
Last day to drop "Early Drop" courses	Sep. 12	Sep. 12
Last day to ADD and to ADD Pass/Fail Option	Sep. 16	Sep. 16
Columbus Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	Oct. 13	Oct. 13
Monday classes meet	NA	NA
Mid-semester	Oct. 22	Oct. 22
Last day to CHANGE from Pass/Fail Option	Oct. 22	Oct. 22
Midterm grades for freshmen due in Registrar's Office	Oct. 23	Oct. 23
Election Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	Nov. 4	Nov. 4
Last day for students to DROP courses	Oct. 29	Oct. 29
Veteran's Day, classes do not meet, offices are closed	Nov. 11	Nov. 11
Tuesday classes meet	Wed. Nov. 12	Wed. Nov. 12
Thanksgiving Recess, classes do not meet	Nov. 27-30	Nov 27-30
Classes end	Dec. 8	Dec. 9
Reading day(s)	Dec. 9-10	Dec. 10

Final Examinations	Dec. 11-12, 15-19	Dec. 11-12, 15-19
Final Exams Make-up Day	Dec. 22	Dec. 22
Official date for December graduation	Dec. 31, 2008	Dec. 31, 2008
Total class days	13 M - F	13 M - F
Total instruction weeks	16	16