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TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: Constitution and Bylaws Task Force
SUBJECT: Interpretation of “Academic Days”
PURPOSE: Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: Approval of the following interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws of the University Faculty, California State University, East Bay: “‘Academic Days’ does not include Summer Quarter or Finals Week.”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Constitution and Bylaws have numerous references to “academic days”, particularly as regards elections and University Faculty meetings. With regards to elections especially, Summer Quarter was not much of a consideration as elections used to require minimum 50% participation. It was historically presumed that a quorum could not be found during the summer and the Task Force could not find even an attempt. However, a change to the Bylaws last year removed the quorum requirement. Since the Academic Senate put forward a proposal to change the Bylaws at its last meeting of 2011-12, it is debatable as to whether the election should have been held during the Summer Quarter when few faculty members would have voted. Hence, this interpretation is needed for present purposes, as well as for clarity going forward.