TO: The Academic Senate

FROM: Faculty Affairs Committee

SUBJECT: 14-15 FAC 17: Proposed recommendations for shorter sessions under semesters

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve FAC’s proposed recommendations for shorter sessions under semesters

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:
At the Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC) meetings on May 6 and May 20, FAC discussed how best to include shorter sessions in the semester calendar. An email from Chair Ginno asking for department chair feedback was distributed on May 11, 2015.

With information from the participating chairs, FAC voted unanimously to recommend the following:

REGULAR FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS:

- Two shorter sessions each consisting of 7 weeks of instruction plus 1 exam week.
- If the academic calendar approved by Senate has a 2-week intersession between fall and spring, that would be another short session.
- The 2-week intersession should be administered and associated with the Spring semester for the purposes of financial aid and FTE credit accounting.

SUMMER SESSIONS:

Sessions are usually 4 or 8 weeks long. Since important dates (for adding and dropping) have been set for those standard durations, any courses shorter than 4 weeks must adhere to the same dates as determined by the registrar for 4-week sessions. Courses 5-7 weeks long must adhere to the same dates for the 8-week sessions.