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**M.R.C. GREENWOOD**  
**PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT**

**Re: Academic Council's April 2, 2004 Recommendation on Alignment of Campus Calendars**

Dear M.R.C.:

At our December 14, 2004 meeting, members of the Academic Council found no reason to reconsider the April 2, 2004 recommendation from last year's Academic Council to the Office of Academic Affairs regarding the alignment of campus calendars. In particular, we recommend that the start of all terms be aligned on campuses using the quarter system for undergraduate instructions and similarly on campuses using the semester system. As you go forward with the implementation of this change, I invite you to forward any negative reaction that you might receive from campus faculty to the Chair of the Systemwide Senate.

In a related issue, the Academic Council did request that it be given the opportunity on an annual basis to review the multi-year list of start dates before it is finalized.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'George'.

George Blumenthal, Chair  
Academic Council

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