

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS REPORT-DAVID STODDEN-DECEMBER 2011

In response to the Faculty Senate's tabling of the issue involving possible alterations in finals scheduling due to future changes in the academic calendar and issues surrounding the Carol of Lights Festival (October and November meetings), a meeting of the Faculty Senate Academic Programs Committee and the Academic Calendar Ad Hoc Committee was convened. Senior Vice Provost Stewart led the meeting. Present at the meeting were three members of the Faculty Senate Academic Programs Committee, three college representatives (Associate Deans or their seconds) from Business, VPA, and Arts and Sciences and five members of academic administrative service offices. Also present was a representative of the Office of Housing and Residential Life, Craig Kuehnert, who coordinates the annual Carol of Lights event. The group was charged to work as a whole in this meeting. The discussion was clear, systematic, and constructive. A specific focus was to uphold academic priorities and integrity. The final recommendation of the committee, as a whole, was to retain the current individual study day and final exam period lengths. Scheduling considerations surrounding the Carol of Lights event were deferred to the committee officially charged with coordinating the event.