

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 14, 2016
To: Tara Smith, Chair; UA Faculty Alliance
From: Lisa Hoferkamp, UAS, Faculty Senate President
RE: **UA Common Calendar**

At the October 2016 UAS Faculty Senate meeting Senators were provided a draft copy of the UA Common Academic calendar through spring 2020 and asked to solicit comment from their constituent faculty regarding its content. At the December 2016 UAS Faculty Senate meeting faculty sentiment was submitted and is summarized in this memorandum.

The UAS Faculty Senate fully supports suspending classes on the Wednesday preceding the Thanksgiving holiday. There was mixed support for suspending classes on the Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday based on the existence of Natural Science lab courses that meet on Tuesdays. The majority of the UAS Faculty Senate, however, supports suspending classes on the Tuesday following Labor Day.

The UAS Faculty Senate asks that a Common Calendar Steering Committee consisting primarily of faculty from the three universities, be permanently convened and charged with equitable, consistent and transparent construction of the UA Common Academic Calendar.