

TO: Members of the UTK Faculty Senate
FROM: Steve Thomas, President-Elect
SUBJECT: Proposed Calendar for the 2012/2013 Meetings of the UTK Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Executive Council
DATE: October 4, 2011

Per the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Article II, Section 3), the “Faculty Senate shall ordinarily meet on the third Monday in September, October, and November during the fall semester and on the first Monday in February, March, April, and May during the spring semester. The President-Elect shall review the calendar one year in advance and adjust meeting dates to avoid religious holidays and otherwise as necessary. The proposed schedule for the following academic year shall be presented at the October meeting of the Faculty Senate each year and be published as appropriate.” As a part of its meeting on October 3, 2011, the Faculty Senate Executive Council considered my report proposal and voted to recommend the following 2012/2013 schedule for adoption by the Faculty Senate at its meeting on October 17, 2011.

<u>Faculty Senate</u>	<u>Faculty Senate Executive Council</u>
September 24, 2012 ⁽¹⁾	September 10, 2012
October 22, 2012 ⁽²⁾	<u>Wednesday</u> , October 10, 2012
November 19, 2012	November 5, 2012
February 4, 2013	January 14, 2013 ⁽³⁾
March 4, 2013	February 18, 2013
April 8, 2013 ⁽⁴⁾	March 18, 2013
May 6, 2013	April 22, 2013

This schedule diverges from the dates specified in our Bylaws for the following four reasons.

- (1) The normal date for the Faculty Senate’s September meeting would be September 17, 2012, which is the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah. The Faculty Senate meeting will be postponed one week, with a corresponding shift in the date for the Executive Council meeting.
- (2) Because the dates of Monday, October 1, 2012 through Tuesday, October 9, 2012 includes the Jewish holidays of Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah, the earliest the Executive Council could meet in October would be Wednesday, October 10, 2012. The corresponding meeting of the Faculty Senate for October will be postponed by one week to allow time to distribute action items that might arise from that Executive Council meeting.
- (3) The normal meeting date for the Executive Council prior to the February Faculty Senate meeting would be January 21, 2013, which is a University holiday. The Executive Council meeting will be scheduled for January 14, 2103, with no change in the date of the February Faculty Senate meeting.
- (4) The normal date for the Faculty Senate’s September meeting would be April 1, 2013, which falls within the Jewish holiday of Passover (March 26-April 2, 2013). The Faculty Senate meeting will be postponed one week, with a corresponding shift in the date for the Executive Council meeting.