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MEMO TO: The University Community

FROM:

Earl Lazerson

SUBJECT:

Conversion to Semester Calendar

At its meeting on December 13, 1990, the Faculty Senate endorsed conversion from a quarter to a semester calendar. Both the Staff Senate and the Student Senate had recommended calendar conversion at an earlier date.

I have accepted the recommendations of the Senates. Accordingly, we will begin the process of calendar conversion immediately, with the intent of operating on a semester calendar by Fall, 1993.

On the recommendation of the Constituency Heads, I have appointed Professor Sid Denny to the position of Coordinator of Calendar Conversion. He will also serve as Chair of the Conversion Implementation Committee which will be responsible for directing the overall conversion process. This committee is the successor to the Calendar Conversion Committee. As I appoint members to it, I intend to follow the recommendation of the Faculty Senate that, insofar as possible, the existing membership remain intact.

While a thorough curriculum review will be the primary focus of the conversion process, no individual in the University will be untouched by the move from quarters to semesters. The conversion process will provide an exciting opportunity for us to examine all that we do with the objective of better serving the educational needs of the citizens of Illinois.