



2026-2027 Governance Calendar

Approved by ECUS on 3 Apr 2026

Legend

Office of the President

Celebration of Excellence – ceremony for dissemination of excellence awards for faculty and staff

Faculty & Staff Fall Kick Off – university-wide event for faculty and staff

State of the University Address – meeting of all employees

Office of the Provost

Bobcats First Day – day of activities devoted to the Bobcats First initiative

College – college committee or college meetings (specific schedule to be set by individual colleges)

Department – department or program meetings

Faculty Contract Start and End – dates reflected in faculty contracts

GEC – meeting of the general education committee

Grad Council – meeting of the graduate council

UCC – meeting of the university curriculum committee

Research Day – day of undergraduate and graduate student research

University Senate

ECUS/SCC – meeting of the executive committee of the university senate with standing committee chairs

PD/Other – reserved for professional development (PD) and other university-wide committees and events

Senate – meeting of the university senate

Senate Comm – meeting of university senate standing committees

Senate Org – organizational meeting of the university senate

Procedure

1. The ECUS Secretary drafts the Governance Calendar for the next academic year by reviewing the current academic year Governance Calendar and consulting both the [Academic Calendar](#) and the [Holiday Calendar](#).
2. The draft calendar is shared with ECUS, the Office of the President, and the Office of the Provost.
3. **ECUS reviews and makes changes to governance dates**, **the Office of the President reviews and makes changes to university event dates**, and **the Office of the Provost reviews and makes changes to academic dates**.
4. ECUS reviews and approves the governance calendar, and the ECUS Secretary publishes it in minutes, on its [website](#), on [Google Calendar](#), and on [iCal](#).

AUGUST 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
					Faculty Contract Start Date	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8a-2p New Faculty Orientation with Academic Affairs	8a-3p New Faculty Orientation with Academic Affairs	8a-4p New Faculty Orientation with Academic Affairs/HR	9a-12p College/Dept Assessment 1p-5p College	12p-5p Department		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9a-2p Governance Retreat (University Senate Standing Comms)				9a-11a Faculty & Staff Kick-Off 1p-4p GC Reads		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
First Day of Classes				2:30p-3:15p College Meetings with First Year Students 4:00p-5:00p First Year Convocation 5:00p-7:00p Faculty and New Student Picnic		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
				1:00 Grad Council 2:00 GEC 3:30 UCC		

SEPTEMBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
				2:00 Senate Comm 3:30 ECUS/SCC		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Labor Day (No classes University closed)				1:00 Grad Council 2:00 College 3:30 College		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
				1:00 GEC 2:00 Department 3:30 Senate		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				2:00 UCC 3:30 PD/Other		
28	29	30				

OCTOBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
				2:00 Senate Comm 3:30 ECUS/SCC		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				1:00 Grad Council 2:00 College 3:30 College		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Fall Break (No classes University open)	Fall Break (No classes University open)			1:00 GEC 2:00 Department 3:30 Senate		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				2:00 UCC 3:30 PD/Other		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
				2:00 Senate Comm 3:30 ECUS/SCC		

NOVEMBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				1:00 Grad Council 2:00 College 3:30 College		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				1:00 GEC 2:00 Department 3:30 Senate		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				2:00 UCC 3:30 PD/Other		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Thanksgiving Holiday (No classes University open)	Thanksgiving Holiday (No classes University closed)	Thanksgiving Holiday (No classes University closed)		

DECEMBER 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
				2:00 PD/Other 3:30 PD/Other		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Last Day of Classes	Final Exams	Final Exams	Final Exams	Final Exams	Commencement 1:00 p.m.	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Final Grades Due 9:00 a.m.				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Winter Break (University closed)	Winter Break (University closed)	Winter Break (University closed)	Winter Break (University closed)
28	29	30	31			
Winter Break (University closed)	Winter Break (University closed)	Winter Break (University closed)	Winter Break (University closed)			

JANUARY 2027

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				1	2	3
				Winter Break (University Closed)		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	10a-12p New Faculty Orientation			2:00 Senate Comm 3:30 ECUS/SCC		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
First Day of Classes				1:00 Grad Council 2:00 College 3:30 College		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (No classes University closed)				1:00 GEC 2:00 Department 3:30 Senate		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
				2:00 UCC 3:30 PD/Other		

FEBRUARY 2027

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				2:00 State of the University Address		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				1:00 Grad Council 2:00 Senate Comm 3:30 ECUS/SCC		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
				1:00 GEC 2:00 College 3:30 College		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				1:00 UCC 2:00 Department 3:30 Senate		

MARCH 2027

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Bobcats First Day (Classes redirected University open)			1:00 Grad Council 2:00 Senate Comm 3:30 ECUS/SCC		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
				1:00 GEC 2:00 College 3:30 College		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Spring Break (No classes University open)	Spring Break (No classes University open)	Spring Break (No classes University open)	Spring Break (No classes University open)	Spring Break (No classes University open)		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				1:00 UCC 2:00 Department 3:30 Senate		
29	30	31				

APRIL 2027

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1	2	3	4
				1:00 Grad Council 2:00 Senate Comm 3:30 ECUS/SCC		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
				1:00 GEC 2:00 College 3:30 College		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Research Day (Classes redirected University open)		9:00-10:30 Celebration of Excellence 2:00 Department 3:30 UCC		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
				2:00 Senate 3:30 Senate Org		
26	27	28	29	30		
				2:00 PD/Other 3:30 PD/Other		

MAY 2027

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Last Day of Classes	Final Exams	Final Exams		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Final Exams	Final Exams	Commencement (Colleges and Times TBA)	Commencement (Colleges and Times TBA)			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Final Grades Due 9:00am	Faculty Contract End Date					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Memorial Day (No classes University closed)						