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Committee creates schedule without taking away holidays

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SEPT. 18 — The Calendar Committee decided Tuesday to recommend a calendar that will not take away holidays from students and will keep both Fall Break and Thanksgiving Break intact.

David Lanier, University registrar and Calendar Committee chairman, said the General Administration asked that the committee come up with a new schedule that would keep instructional days off of holidays.

The request arose when the committee suggested classes be held on Good Friday and Labor Day in order to meet UNC-system President C.D. Spangler's new requirement that each semester have 75 instructional days, Lanier said.

"Holidays, exam days, Saturdays and Sundays cannot be included in the 75 days of instruction, but I've received confirmation from the GA that reading days count," Lanier said.

The committee agreed to keep

seven exam days and two reading days at the end of each semester but decided to split up the reading days.

If Chancellor Michael Hooker approves the recommended calendar, one reading day will be scheduled after the last day of classes and a second will be held in the middle of exam week.

In order to meet Spangler's requirement, the committee decided to start classes a half day earlier next fall. Classes will begin at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 19 instead of 8 a.m. on Aug. 20 and will end a day later.

"Starting classes at 12:30 is a little weird, but all the testing, evaluating and advising can be finished Tuesday morning or spread out over the week," said Bobbi Owen, associate dean of College of Arts and Sciences. "But there has to be at least one working day before classes start."

The committee also added three days to the beginning of the 1998 spring semester. Classes will begin Jan. 7 instead of Jan. 12, and classes will end a day earlier.

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When they leave, you can always toss the healthy stuff in the trash and get back to your Chunky Monkey (if that's not the punch line to a dirty

joke, it should be).

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