



NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
Peter Hans, President

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TO: CC Presidents

FROM: Peter Hans, President

RE: Fall 2020 Academic Calendar Flexibility

The purpose of this memo is to provide colleges additional flexibility when scheduling their Fall 2020 academic terms. Per [1G SBCCC 200.93](#), college boards of trustees have the authority to establish the beginning and end date of the Fall term within the timeframe of August 15 – December 31, unless the System President grants an exception. Given the unprecedented disruption to instruction caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, I am providing a blanket exception allowing all interested colleges to start the Fall 2020 term prior to August 15th if two conditions are met:

1. The college’s Summer 2020 term must end prior to the Fall 2020 term start date.
2. The 10% point of Fall 2020 course sections must fall on or after August 15, 2020.

Colleges wishing to utilize this flexibility do not need to submit a request or any additional documentation.

As always, colleges have the flexibility to determine the length of the Fall 2020 term and individual course sections may vary as long as credit hours are assigned and membership hours are reported consistent with System policies. Likewise, colleges may use their existing flexibility to schedule curriculum course sections that fall outside the academic term beginning and end dates if needed to meet the needs of particular constituents (for example, courses provided at high schools, military bases, prisons, or at the specific request of business).

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Via E-mail

cc: Chief Academic Officers
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