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**Subject:** RE: Guidance requested on UGA academic calendar

Rahul,

Thank you for your letter and accompanying documents. I would suggest that UGA does not alter its calendar at the current time and that we, as a system, thoroughly study this issue in the coming year. My main concern is the loss of instructional days. Our faculty serve as the backbone of our colleges and universities, and the classroom is the primary forum for this learning and exchange of ideas. Any contraction of instructional days should be considered very carefully.

I am new to this position and would like time to study the issue more thoroughly and then inform both our Board and Chancellor regarding outcomes of this study. In addition, I would welcome UGA's involvement in this work in any way that you see fit. It appears that much thought, time and attention has been invested in this matter.

Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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Rob,

I am hoping get some guidance from your office on two competing proposals for the academic calendar at UGA for the 2018-19 term. The two proposals differ in the number of instructional days they include. Additional details are described in the attached letter as well as in the proposal documents.

These proposals will be discussed at UGA's University Council meeting on March 22, 2017. Your quick feedback will be greatly appreciated as it will shape the discussion heavily.

Thank you for your help and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Rahul

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