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University Park, IL, January 11, 2010 - Beginning in Fall 2010, Governors State University will adopt a semester-based academic calendar. The semester-based calendar coincides with the academic schedules of most universities throughout the country. This updated schedule will ease student transition from community colleges to GSU, better serve returning students with families and employment, and make GSU summer courses more accessible to students from other institutions.

For the past 40 years, GSU has operated under a trimester-based academic calendar. "The trimester system that has served GSU through its first decades will now give way to a more flexible calendar that will address the needs of our current and future students through the decades to come," said Dr. Elaine P. Maimon, President of GSU.

The new academic calendar offers 15-week Fall and Spring semesters and an 11-week Summer session. The Fall 2010 semester begins August 30 and ends December 12, 2010. The Spring 2011 semester begins January 18 and ends May 8, 2011. The Spring semester will also include a week long spring break, which is new to GSU. The Summer 2011 session begins May 23 and ends August 7, 2011.

Applications are accepted and processed for each new semester up to the conclusion of the open registration periods. Registration dates have been modified to fit the revised academic calendar and best serve students’ needs.

For more information about the new semester calendar, visit www.govst.edu/semesters.