WHEREAS the 2008-2009 academic calendar was significantly changed from 2007-2008, and

WHEREAS the faculty was not informed of the changes until too late for faculty input and modifications, and

WHEREAS Southeastern will now have more days in both the fall and spring than any other Louisiana public university because both fall and spring semesters at Southeastern will start earlier than previously but end at the same times as in Academic Year 2007-2008, and

WHEREAS Fall 2008 classes will start three days earlier and include a two-day fall break, which many faculty do not want, and

WHEREAS Spring 2009 classes will start three days earlier and gain an extra half day on Ash Wednesday, and

WHEREAS Southeastern is also the only Louisiana public university that will start the fall and spring semesters in the middle of the week, thus difficulties (such as unevenness in number of class meetings) for departments with labs,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate recommend that the Calendar committee present the proposed calendar to the faculty much earlier so there is time for more faculty input before making such major changes.

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