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Colleagues,

Beginning with the Fall 2019 semester, Montclair State University will revise its 15-week semester format to no longer conclude with a specially scheduled exam period.

For years Montclair State has had a final exam week schedule that arranged all finals in a long session format at the end of each semester. This format disrupts day and meeting times for classes the last week, finals week, of every semester, and as a result finals for a class are often at a different day, time or place than the normal class meeting, frequently causing hardship and confusion, often because of unanticipated conflicts between a particular student's exam times and places. After conferring with Department Chairs, Deans, the Registrar, the University Senate and students, I have determined there is no good way to perfect this exam scheduling system, and a straight-forward 15-week semester is less prone to problems and conflicts for everyone. Problems scheduling rooms, proctoring exams, and exam overlap will be alleviated.

This will not obviate or diminish final exams, while it might require rethinking formats for some exams. For example, those instructors who prefer a longer format exam period might break the final into two parts for those meeting twice per week.

I would like to thank the Senate for its careful deliberation on this question and providing its support, as well as the many others who commented on it in recent weeks. Any concerns or questions regarding the implementation of this change may be directed to Associate Provost Cote-Bonanno or to the Dean.