

SPECIAL REPORT
of the
RULES COMMITTEE
concerning
**A DAY OF RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE
DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES**

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State law and University policy require accommodations for students who miss class on days of religious observance. Students are expected to give their instructors a week's notice of non-attendance.

In 2010, because of a late Labor Day and an early Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah will begin on the day after the first day of class of the Fall semester. (The holiday runs from sundown Wednesday, September 8 to sundown Friday, September 10.) Under the circumstances, instructors should be flexible about the one-week notice requirement and cautious about dropping students for non-attendance during the first week of classes. Students observing Rosh Hashanah should notify their instructors a week in advance if possible, and certainly no later than Wednesday, September 8.

**MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Special Report of the Rules
35-10 Committee, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 10-030.**