

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 2013, Rosh Hashanah will begin on the day after the first day of class of the Fall semester. (The holiday runs from sundown Wednesday, September 4 to sundown Friday, September 6.) 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 Tuesday, September 3.

**MOVED: That the Faculty Senate approve the Special Report of the Rules
51-13 Committee, as presented in Sen. Doc. No. 13-047.**