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**PROCESS FOR SWITCHING TO SEMESTERS
AT MOORHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
APPROVED BY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD**

A process for switching from the quarter system to semesters at Moorhead State University was approved unanimously today by the Minnesota State University Board.

The move to semesters would put Moorhead State on the same academic calendar as two other colleges in the Fargo-Moorhead area -- North Dakota State University and Concordia College, making it easier for students in the Tri-College group to take classes at each school.

Proponents of the semester system also believe it will benefit students by providing more time for writing projects in certain classes. They also say it will be more efficient because of savings in staff time.

The process endorsed by the State University Board calls for the Moorhead State Faculty Association to vote on a labor relations agreement for converting to semesters. If faculty back the plan, it will be implemented by the Faculty Association and the university president.

It is expected that the university would switch to semesters in the fall of 1995.

The agreement approved by the board was worked out between Moorhead State University and the Faculty Association. It also has been endorsed by the Inter Faculty Organization, the bargaining unit that represents Minnesota State University faculty.

All of the seven Minnesota State Universities currently are on a quarter system. However, conversion to semesters is being considered at some of the universities besides Moorhead State.