Misalignment of Terms for Summer Classes and Summer Housing

Motion: The SSE Council charges its Faculty Senators to raise the issue of summer housing not extending through the end of summer term—thereby creating housing insecurity for some students—as New Business at the next meeting of the Faculty Senate. The Council suggests the matter be examined by the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee to see if adjustments can be made to eliminate any misalignment.

Passed in the SSE Council Meeting of 27 August 2024 by a vote of 10–0

Background:

- The Summer 2024 term had some classes run until Friday, August 9th.
- The Summer 2024 housing term ran until Sunday, August 4th, at which point students were kicked out of their rooms so they could be cleaned for the upcoming Fall 2024 semester. Students not living on campus in Fall 2024 could not be accommodated for the final week of Summer 2024 classes.
- This misalignment thrust some students into housing insecurity for the final week of summer classes. For example, in Paul Bracher's CHEM 2420 organic chemistry course, these students had to deal with housing insecurity during a week where they had two challenging exams. One student had to move into an Airbnb. One student discussed staying a week with a person they recently met on Tinder.

