Provost’s Message
Dr. Sylvia Alva

A new academic year always brings hope and a palpable, invigorating energy on the campus. Twenty-five new tenure-track faculty joined Cal Poly Pomona this fall, as well as 39 new staff. Our continuing students are back on campus and are joined by approximately 6,500 new incoming students. This is also our last academic year on quarters, as we prepare to convert in fall 2018 to a semester calendar. The move to a semester calendar gives us the opportunity to refresh our curriculum, build a semester class schedule that is more data-informed and aligned with student enrollment needs, and to strengthen our academic advising and student support services. We know that many of our students hope to graduate before the conversion and will be looking for the courses needed to complete their degree requirements. We also know those who are further away from completing their degrees will need to straddle quarter and semester calendars. We are working on robust advising strategies to support them.

Beginning October 1, we began accepting applications from incoming students who will experience only the semester curriculum and calendar. The success of our students—all our students—depends on every faculty, staff administrative member working together as a team to support their graduation goals and success. One Team, One Goal: Student Success.

In Academic Affairs, we are moving closer to completing the search for the next AVP for Faculty Affairs, which we anticipate announcing in December. A search for the Senior AVP for Enrollment Management and Services will begin soon, along with national searches for the Dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences and the Dean of the Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture. These are important leadership positions on the campus and I hope you will participate and provide your feedback to the search committees as they interview and evaluate the finalists for these leadership positions.

There is no questions that this is an exciting and important time in Cal Poly Pomona’s history. The major initiatives for this year are semester conversion, student success,WSCUC reaccreditation, and the continued development and implementation of both the university strategic plan and the academic master plan. In Academic Affairs, the academic master plan is the primary driver that will shape the academic and co-curricular experiences of our students. The academic master plan will also inform faculty hiring and professional development, the campus master plan, our academic technology needs, and even be used to align our priorities with both internal and external funding opportunities.

I invite you to see these initiatives as key components of an integrated plan and cultural shift at Cal Poly Pomona. A shift away from a reactive culture towards one that is intentional about how we will prepare for and respond to the myriad of challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Change is inevitable. Let us keep in mind: ‘Without change there is no innovation, creativity, or incentive for improvement.’

Academic Planning
Dr. Sep Eskandari

Summer 2018 Class Schedule
Summer 2018, our last summer on the quarter calendar, will be a short summer due to the start of the Fall 2018 semester on August 23, 2018. As a result, only one 5-week session will be offered in Summer 2018. You may also be aware that we will return to a normal 5/8 schedule in summer 2018 (Monday through Friday; 8-hour work days). As many students will use this last "quarter" to complete graduation requirements, we plan to give departments maximum flexibility to schedule classes Monday through Friday. We have worked with the Academic Senate to ensure that a number of additional time
modules will be available for scheduling classes on Fridays during the Summer 2018 5-week session. Scheduling time modules for the summer can be found here. Class scheduling for Summer 2018 will start on 01/30/2018.

Class Schedules for Academic Year 2018-19

On November 1, 2017, departments will begin scheduling semester classes for Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 terms. Scheduling resources for semester classes can be found here.

Faculty Affairs
Dr. Cordelia Ontiveros

We are delighted to welcome Rosalinda Velasco as the Interim Director of Academic Personnel, effective October 9, 2017. Rosalinda will provide interpretation and answer questions related to the Faculty (Unit 3) and Academic Student Employees (Unit 11) collective bargaining agreements. Rosalinda brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from other CSU campuses and the CSU Office of the Chancellor. Please join us in welcoming Rosalinda.

As part of our efforts to provide support for semester conversion, we are in the process of developing a workshop for department chairs on converting lecturer entitlements from quarter to semester. The workshop will include case studies with illustrative exercises. Stay tuned for a notice about the date and time.

Sabbatical and Difference In Pay Leave applications are due October 20, 2017, via email to the Department Chair. We are in the process of updating the Leaves website with Rosalinda Velasco application forms that reference semesters. Check out: Faculty Affairs/Leaves

Student Success
Dr. Terri Gomez

First Year Experience (FYE) invites you to be part of a community of readers! This year's CPP Common Read is The Distance Between Us by Reyna Grande. The purpose of the CPP Common Read program is to encourage first year students, staff, and faculty to engage in a shared experience. If you are not already using the book in your classes, please consider giving extra credit to students for reading the book and/or attending the keynote.

Join us on November 14, 2017 at 4 PM for Reyna Grande's keynote and reception at the University Theater. Reserve your seat online: http://cppcommonread.eventbrite.com
For more information on the FYE CPP Common Read visit: www.cpp.edu/commonread

WSCUC Launch
Dr. Larisa Preiser-Houy

September 19, 2017 was the official launch of Cal Poly Pomona's self-study for WSCUC reaccreditation. Six working groups are developing essays for the institutional report that will address three core commitments, four standards and the thirty-nine criteria for review. The WSCUC accreditation process examines the university as a whole entity, promotes institutional commitment to improvement, and validates institutional integrity.

For more information on Cal Poly Pomona's accreditation please visit the WSCUC website at https://www.cpp.edu.
Research Innovation & Economic Development
Dr. Sadiq Shah

Our goal, at the Office of Research, Innovation & Economic Development (ORIED), is to help support and maximize faculty success. The majority of our proposals are submitted to the National Science Foundation (NSF). Securing funding from NSF is very competitive and necessitates that all aspects of the NSF requirements are complied with accuracy and the proposals are competitive. The office is developing templates for the various sections of the NSF proposals. The templates will be available this Fall, on the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs’ (ORSP) website. The templates will not only comply with the fonts and margins, but more importantly offer bullets in each section to draw attention to what NSF is looking for. This should make it easier for the Principal Investigators (PI) to focus on the key points and bring out the unique aspects of their ideas making the proposals more competitive.

Enrollment Management & Services
Meredith Kelley

Our last fall quarter and we are on track to meet enrollment targets. While numbers will fluctuate until census (October 11) our current headcount is 25,747 (100.5% of target) and FTES is 22,823 (100.6% of target). These enrollment figures include approximately 3,760 first-time freshmen, 3,127 transfer students, about 480 graduate students, and 275 international students. Just over 30% of our incoming students are the first in their families to attend a university. Kudos to our enrollment management staff and the entire campus, as this is a collaborative effort.

All units within Enrollment Management & Services are diligently working on semester conversion processes and communication. We are working closely with the Bronco Advising Center to provide information to the campus community regarding the conversion and how it will impact our student services, from Outreach and Recruitment, to Admission, to Financial Aid, and to Registration.

The Office of Admissions and Enrollment Planning is working with all 23 CSU campuses to launch the new CSU application for Fall 2018 - Cal State Apply. Our campus served as a beta site for winter 2018 admission, and will be admitting 1400-1500 transfer students into non-impacted majors to yield about 450 new students for winter quarter.

The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships is gearing up for the processing of award letters for the 2018-2019 academic year. We anticipate award letters being sent to students beginning February 2018. We anticipate we will provide over 20,000 award letters for the academic year!

Academic Research & Resources
Lisa Rotunni

Academic Research and Resources (ARAR) recently completed a very successful administration of the National Survey of Student Engagement, NSSE 2017. The local-record-breaking 23.7% response rate was a substantial improvement over the 15% achieved in 2014. Results are scheduled to be available in November. Comparisons to 16 other participating CSUs and to institutions in our Carnegie Classification will be useful benchmarks, and ARAR will partner with assessment efforts, programs, and activities across campus to close this valuable feedback loop.

NSSE 2017 was administered from April 11 (spring week 3) to June 1 (week 10). Over 8,000 first-time freshmen and graduating seniors were invited to participate and given individualized links to access the survey through their Blackboard. To encourage and reward participation, those who fully completed the survey were given the chance to win one of forty Bronco Bucks gift cards valued between $25 and $100. Winners were drawn and notified on June 2. Their visits to our office provide an opportunity to say “Thank you” to at least a few of the many wonderful Cal Poly Pomona students.
Semester Conversion
Dr. Francelina Neto

There are several upcoming semester conversion advising events scheduled for Fall 2017. These include sessions specifically for faculty advisors, staff advisors, and campus partners. For more information on these events or to register, please visit the Advising Professional Development website. Space is limited, so interested individuals are encouraged to sign up early. Additional sessions will be added throughout the year.

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