



Office of Academic Programs

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**To:** Julie Shen  
Chair, Academic Senate

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Soraya M. Coley, Ph.D.  
President

1/26/18  
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**Subject:** Response to AS-2760-178/AA – Academic Calendar by Semesters

I am pleased to approve the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar. After extensive consultation with the CSU Office of General Counsel, I cannot approve the use of “Indigenous Peoples Day” in place of “Columbus Day”. As a member of the 23 campus California State University system, Cal Poly Pomona is bound by state law, which explicitly designates the second Monday in October as Columbus Day. I do, however, approve the inclusion of a footnote, stating that several U.S. states as well as many cities in California now observe the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day.

I thank the Academic Affairs Committee and the entire Academic Senate for the diligent and careful work devoted to compiling the calendar for academic year 2018-2019 — our first academic year on the semester calendar. I ask that the Office Academic Programs, Registrar’s Office, and Office of Academic Planning update the relevant online calendars as well as the online Academic Manual.

**RECOMMENDATION\***

The Academic Affairs Committee recommends adoption by the Academic Senate and recommendation to the President to approve the following 2018-2019 Academic Calendar.

\*Attachment: Academic Calendar 2018-2019