

December 14, 2018

To: Ken Baerenklau

Associate Provost

From: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair 

Re: Consultation: Proposed UCR Long Term Academic Calendar

Dear Ken

I write to communicate the Senate consultation on the Proposed Long-Term Academic Calendar. The individual Standing Committee responses are attached as formal memos. At its December 10 meeting, the Senate's Executive Council had a concise though substantive discussion of the proposed Calendar. While echoing the support for the proposal, members of Executive Council expressed specific concerns regarding the period for adding/dropping courses and suggested that it might best suit students and faculty if this period were shortened from two weeks to one week. There was agreement that there are sometimes significant complications to a student's ability to thrive in—or even pass—a course if they add it late in Week 2, and that faculty are often placed in an untenable pedagogical situation when students ask to be caught up with lectures and course curriculum so late in the quarter. Further, Executive Council agreed with a member's suggestion that UCR consider ensuring that undergraduate students not be forced to start exams immediately after the last day of instruction. The suggestion is that UCR consider implementing a study period of at least one-two days between the final day of instruction and the first day of exams, in order to bolster the success (and health!) of students.

I trust this summary of Executive Council's discussion will provide a useful complement to the attached memos.

Peace
dylan



November 9, 2018

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Paul Lyons, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Proposed UCR Long Term Academic Calendar

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the proposed UCR long term academic calendar at their November 9, 2018 meeting and were supportive of the proposal.



November 16, 2018

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Djurdjica Coss, Chair
Committee on Research

RE: Campus Review: Proposed UCR Long Term Academic Calendar

The Committee on Research reviewed the proposed UCR long term Academic Calendar and felt the proposal is outside their purview.



November 19, 2018

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Wee Liang Gan, Chair
Committee on Courses

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Liang Gan", positioned to the right of the "From:" line.

Re: Proposed UCR Long Term Academic Calendar


The Committee on Courses reviewed the proposed UCR long term academic calendar and was supportive of the proposal. The Committee did note that the date for Yom Kippur for the 2022-2023 academic year was incorrect and should be October 5. The Committee recommends that this correction be made in the proposed calendar.



COMMITTEE ON FACULTY WELFARE

November 19, 2018

To: Dylan Rodriguez
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: Daniel Jeske, Chair 
Committee on Faculty Welfare

Re: Proposed UCR Long Term Academic Calendar

The Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC) met on 11/13/2018 to discuss the proposed academic calendar. FWC recognizes the challenges of setting the academic calendar and has no opinion about it to express.

GRADUATE COUNCIL

November 15, 2018

TO: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair
Riverside Division

FR: Jason Stajich, Chair
Graduate Council



RE: [Campus Review] Consultation: *Proposed UCR Long Term Academic Calendar*

The Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the proposed UCR long term academic calendar at their November 15, 2018 meeting. The Council does not have any comments and is supportive of the proposed calendar.