April 12, 2017

To: Susan Cochran  
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

From: Ertugrul Taciroglu  
Chair, Undergraduate Council

Re: 2023 Calendar Suggestions to Mitigate the Impact of the US Open Golf Tournament

At its April 7, 2017 meeting, the Undergraduate Council discussed the 2023 Calendar Suggestions, which are designed to mitigate the impact of the US Open Golf Tournament. At this point in time, the Council does not believe it has enough information to endorse any of the specific options presented. The Council is primarily concerned about the detrimental impact any proposed change to the calendar could have on Undergraduate Students.

The Council members noted that it is already difficult for our students to secure summer employment and internships, as UCLA’s spring term ends much later than many other universities. Further extending UCLA’s spring term might make it even more challenging for our students to secure work and research experiences over the summer.

Ideally, the Council would like to see an impact statement to help us better understand the consequences of each option. For instance, Option 1 would require additional accommodations for students living in on-campus housing. How much would the additional accommodations cost students? Would there be funding available to help subsidize this extra expense? It would be useful to know how many seniors participating in commencement each year actually live on campus. It would also be beneficial for the Council to hear from housing and other units on campus about their specific concerns, and the feasibility of extending these student’s stay on campus.

Finally, the Council wondered whether alternative venues for commencement are being considered. Would it be possible to hold commencement at the Rose Bowl or a similar venue? An alternative location might be a practical solution that would minimize the impact of the US Open Golf Tournament on the campus community.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Eric Wells, the Undergraduate Council Analyst (ewells@senate.ucla.edu; x51194).

cc: Eric Wells, Committee Analyst, Academic Senate
March 26, 2017

Professor Susan Cochran  
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

**Re: Faculty Welfare Committee’s Responses to 2023 Calendar Suggestions to Mitigate Impact of US Open Golf Tournament**

Dear Professor Cochran,

The Faculty Welfare Committee reviewed the 2023 Calendar Suggestions to Mitigate the Impact of US Open Golf Tournament at its March 7th meeting. The Registrar’s Office provided three options that will allow the campus to remain within academic calendar requirements and guidelines. Members of the committee agree that Option 2 is the best option to alleviate the logistical challenges posed for June 14-18 with the 2023 US Open Golf Tournament and UCLA’s 2023 Spring Commencement. This option proposes that the spring 2023 quarter starts one week later on April 10th instead of April 3rd. This option will not affect the winter quarter, will maintain normal commencement week activities, and will provide an additional week of spring break for students. Our committee members felt that options 1 and 3 will create several logistical issues and are not desirable.

Sincerely,

Areti Tillou  
Chair, Committee on Faculty Welfare

**cc:** Members of the Committee on Faculty Welfare  
Linda Mohr, CAO, Academic Senate  
Chris Jados, Executive Assistant, Academic Senate  
Annie Speights, Committee Analyst, Committee on Faculty Welfare
March 30, 2017

Susan Cochran
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

Re: 2023 Calendar Suggestions to Mitigate Impact of US Open Golf Tournament

Dear Professor Cochran,

Thank you for providing the Council on Planning and Budget (CPB) with an opportunity to review the 2023 Calendar Planning Suggestions. CPB members discussed the three options at its meeting on March 6, 2017.

After an initial discussion, members agreed that the first option, moving commencement to June 23-25, would be the least disruptive as it would align UCLA to the UC calendar. However, members had the following three questions: What are the problems anticipated with the golf tournament and the perceived financial impact of them? Would a delay in graduation affect undergraduates with their job search and offers? Can commencement be held earlier than the options provided?

Thank you for the opportunity to review this issue. If you have any questions for us, please do not hesitate to contact me at fchiappelli@dentistry.ucla.edu or via the Council’s analyst, Elizabeth Feller, at efeller@senate.ucla.edu or x62470.

Sincerely,

Francesco Chiappelli, Chair
Council on Planning and Budget

cc: Leobardo Estrada, Past Chair, Academic Senate
    Elizabeth Feller, Analyst, Council on Planning and Budget
    Sandra Graham, Vice Chair, Academic Senate
    Linda Mohr, Chief Administrative Officer, Academic Senate
    Members of the Council on Planning and Budget
April 3, 2017

To: Susan Cochran, Chair Academic Senate

From: Jessica Cattelino, Chair Graduate Council

Re: 2023 Calendar Suggestions

At its meeting on March 17, 2017, the Graduate Council reviewed and discussed the suggestions provided to mitigate the logistical challenges posed June 14-18 with the 2023 US Open Golf Tournament and UCLA’s 2023 Spring Commencement. Members agreed that Option 1 is the least disruptive of all 3 options, provided that housing accommodations are made for students participating in commencement ceremonies. Members prefer options that do not extend the spring quarter (or commencement) further into the summer than is customary. An extension likely would exacerbate the disadvantages of the quarter system for graduate and professional students who seek competitive internships or other opportunities that are more commonly timed to coincide with semester-based academic calendars.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

cc: Estrella Arciba, Graduate Council Analyst, Academic Senate
    Linda Mohr, CAO, Academic Senate