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To: Susan Cochran  
Chair, UCLA Academic Senate

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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, Option1 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 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).

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