

*This message is sent on behalf of Jeremy Haefner, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs*

Colleagues,

I would like to thank everyone who participated in recent discussions regarding the calendar for academic year 2017-2018 and beyond. The university benefited immensely from these conversations and as a result, for the first time we have a codified set of characteristics that allow us to generate future calendars.

The [characteristics identified](#) are the result of much dialog, consultation and convergence with and among the governance groups. Having agreed to these features enabled us to produce several years of academic calendars with the knowledge that they would meet the expectations of our collective insight.

Moving forward, we will be publishing several calendars at a time, as is the precedent that has been established by our peer and competitor universities, including [Cornell University](#), the [University of Rochester](#), the [University of Maryland](#), and the [University of California, Berkeley](#).

Our intention is to begin with calendars outlining our academic year for the next six years and add one each year moving forward. Additionally, an administrative policy will be created that articulates the structure and process of calendar design; this will allow the Registrar to produce consistent, balanced calendars based on firm parameters. Like any policy, it can and will be updated in the future. It is my hope that this combined effort will result in saving a great deal of time and distress, and allow for long-term planning that had previously been unattainable with our more limited calendar planning process.

Again, my thanks to everyone who provided feedback during these essential discussions. My special thanks go out to Joe Loffredo, Fernando Naveda, Sue Provenzano and the members of the calendar committee for keeping the process moving smoothly and efficiently.

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