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Dear Cal Poly Pomona families,

Beginning in fall 2018, Cal Poly Pomona will convert from a quarter calendar to a semester calendar, with the first day of classes on August 23. The university has long been preparing for this major transition, and it's important that our entire university community, including students and their families, are aware of the changes and how they can best prepare.

Students should create an academic plan in partnership with their academic advisor, as well as use the academic planning tools available to them to stay on track for graduation. Faculty and staff advisors are actively assisting students in using the planning tools and the conversion guide, as well as answering student-specific questions about their major, curriculum and their pathway to graduation.

Information about semester conversion and student resources are available at www.cpp.edu/semester. The Bronco Advising Center, located on the second floor of the CLA Tower, is a helpful resource for general academic concerns, use of the conversion guide, general education and website questions. Staff can be contacted in person, by phone at 909-869-4600, via email at bac@cpp.edu or through social media (@cppbac).

The Semester Conversion website (www.cpp.edu/semester) includes tools, FAQs, in-person workshops, videos and other resources to help students transition to semesters or graduate before the conversion. Here are a few tools and resources:

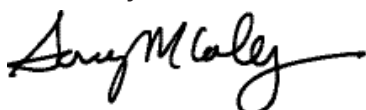
- › The Semester Conversion Handbook is a comprehensive guide with information on unit conversion, curriculum changes, course scheduling, tuition and financial aid, advising resources and more. The PDF version of the handbook is available on the Semester Conversion website (www.cpp.edu/semester).
- › Each student has a Degree Progress Report that shows which required courses are needed for graduation. It's linked from the BroncoDirect Student Center (www.cpp.edu/broncodirect).
- › MyPlanner is an online tool to help students map their long-term academic plan. It's also in the BroncoDirect Student Center (www.cpp.edu/broncodirect).
- › Using the online Conversion Guide, students can search for the quarter classes they need for degree completion and see how they translate into semesters. It's on the Semester Conversion website (www.cpp.edu/semester).
- › The Student Success Central website (www.cpp.edu/studentssuccess) has the academic calendar, academic and advising resources, support services and more.
- › Student Success Ambassadors are ready to help their peers use all of these resources. You can see a list of the ambassadors online at www.cpp.edu/studentssuccessambassadors.

We believe the semester calendar will enhance students' education by providing them with more time to study class material in-depth, get to know their faculty and classmates better, and gain valuable experience in an internship, research opportunities, independent study, or study abroad programs.

If you have questions about Semester Conversion, we encourage you to discuss with your student their academic plans and encourage them to utilize their resources to make this transition smoothly. Enclosed is an information sheet about Semester Conversion, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

The Bronco Advising Center is also available to answer questions at 909-869-4600, bac@cpp.edu or visit www.cpp.edu/studentssuccess/bac.

Sincerely,



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