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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO

THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AA-003-256

2026-27 Academic Calendar With 5 Year Projection

Academic Affairs Committee

Date: November 14th, 2025

Executive Committee  
Received and Forwarded

Date: November 19th, 2025

Academic Senate

Date: December 3, 2025  
First Reading

## **Background**

1. Name: Phyllis Nelson
2. Email: [prnelson@cpp.edu](mailto:prnelson@cpp.edu)
3. Title of Referral: 2026-27 Academic Calendar with 5 Year Projection
4. Names and Titles of proponents:
  - a. Phyllis Nelson, former Faculty Director of Data Analytics
  - b. Connie Kuang, University Registrar
5. Keywords: Academic Calendar, 2026-27
6. Is there a deadline by when this referral needs to be considered by the Academic Senate?  
Yes
7. Deadline Date: 12/3/25
8. Justification for deadline: Academic Senate approval of the calendar for the next year must be completed no later than the last meeting of the fall semester because it must be reported to the Chancellor's Office before the first meeting of the spring semester.
9. Background: The current draft academic calendar for the 2026-27 academic year and a projection of a total of five years have been prepared. This referral requests approval of the 2026-27 calendar. The projections are included to assist with planning for future years.  
Administrative dates may be adjusted to comply with CSU requirements and campus processing constraints.
10. Recommended Resources
  - a. Connie Kuang
  - b. Keith Forward
  - c. Phyllis Nelson
11. Attachments – “Draft\_Academic\_Calendars\_2026-27\_through\_2030\_Phyllis Nelson”  
(see below)

## **Discussion**

The Academic Affairs Committee received this referral on Thursday, October 9, 2025 and was able to begin its review during the committee's next meeting on Wednesday, October 22nd (a full Senate meeting took place the previous Wednesday, October 15th). Committee members were assigned sections of the 6 page document to review and met with the authors of the referral on two separate occasions. Connie Kuang (University Registrar), Dr. Phyllis Nelson (former Faculty Director of Data Analytics and the referral's primary author), and I met first on Friday, October 31st to discuss any significant changes to the calendar that the committee should be aware of during its review. This was followed by a full committee meeting with Dr. Nelson and Dr. Keith Forward (Interim Associate Vice President, Academic Planning) on Wednesday, November 12th, a date the committee targeted to complete their review of the academic calendars.

No significant changes were made by Dr. Nelson in the design of the academic calendars, other than one—the addition of new designations for student Fees Due dates which are scheduled in a three “block” sequence: “Block 1” is for continuing students and scheduled first, followed by “Block 2” for incoming students, and “Block 3” for students who pay using the “Pay Now” button on the day they register through the registration portal (many of which do so because they are financial recipients or because they missed their first deadline). The committee was encouraged to verify that these designations were correctly labeled and their due dates placed in the correct sequence. Additionally, the committee was tasked to review and cross-check all dates—including semester start dates, holiday closures, grading deadlines, etc.—with special attention to the start of Fall 2027, an anomalous year recurring every 7-8 calendar cycles that shift start dates forward (to meet the 45 day pay period requirement).

During its review, the committee identified a number of possible edits and raised several questions, many of which were discussed with Dr. Nelson and Dr. Forward during our meeting on Wednesday, November 12th. A comprehensive list of edits and questions were compiled in the form of a document and delivered to Dr. Nelson on Friday, November 14th, with the goal of having revisions and answers to questions by the end of the day on Monday, November 17th.

One question that was noted by several committee members was the CPP calendar’s current observance of “Columbus Day” as opposed to Indigenous Peoples’ Day—a holiday that is recognized statewide by governor’s proclamation, in Los Angeles County, at the CSU Chancellor’s Office, and on many CSU campus academic calendars (as a ‘moveable holiday’ usually during an existing Fall or Winter break; see [CSUDH](#), [CSUN](#), [CSUSE](#), [CSUF](#), [Sacramento State](#), and [SDSU](#)). According to Dr. Nelson, and in my experience serving on the Academic Affairs Committee, this has been a recurring question for a number of years. The CSU system does not recognize Columbus Day as it is not an official California state holiday, yet CPP appears to be one of a small number of CSU campuses—and the only in Los Angeles County—to hold place for it in the academic calendar ([CalState LA](#) and [CSULB](#) do not observe either holiday, while CSUDH and CSUN observe Indigenous Peoples’ Day). During the meeting, Dr. Forward mentioned how this has been called to attention in a 2018 referral (AA-004-178 ‘Indigenous Peoples’ Day to Replace Columbus Day in L.A. County’) which was either retracted or shelved.

### **Recommendation**

Based on the responses provided by Dr. Nelson, it is the recommendation of the committee to proceed with the below corrections to the 2026-27 Academic Calendar with 5 Year Projection. Minor edits have already been forwarded to Dr. Nelson and we are waiting to hear back with final edits. In addition to these changes, it is the recommendation of the committee to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples’ Day and/or, as Dr. Forward mentioned, address this change in another referral as necessary.

***Thanks, Phyllis, for your time and expertise! Sincerely, the Academic Affairs Committee***

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Academic Affairs Committee Review

General questions:

- In the future, is it possible to receive an Excel as well as PDF file? Some committee members had difficulties with the PDF file.
- Many committee members noted how Columbus Day (as written currently) can be recognized as Indigenous People’s Day. At our meeting on 11/12, Keith mentioned how this can be addressed in the form of a separate referral. If there is anything else to consider about this, please let us know!
- Throughout the calendars, the dates for “First day to apply for current term graduation” are consistently marked as Dec 1, Jan 1 and Aug 1, even though they fall on different days of the week (sometimes Saturday, as in the case of the '25-'26 calendar. Is this correct?
- Throughout the calendars, the dates for “Constitution Day” and “National Voter Registration Day” (which always falls on a Tuesday) are consistently marked as September 17. These dates will need to be updated each year (circled in red on the pdf doc)

Specific suggestions/questions:

1. Page 1 - Update “May 2026” to “May 2027” (bottom middle of doc, circled in red)
1. Page 1 - Fall 2026 grades are due Dec 18, so 12/18 should be green (circled in red)
2. Page 1 - 12/21 should not be green since grades are due 12/18 (circled in red)
3. Are 12/22~24 the wrong color?
4. Page 1 - 1/20 should be marked yellow since this is the date for Final Exams during Winter Session I (circled in red)
5. Page 1 - 1/21 should be marked green since grades are due for Winter Session I. (circled in red)
6. Page 1 - Should 1/18-1/19 and 1/22 be white? (circled in red)
7. Page 1 - In 5/21, there is an overlap with finals week and commencement (also not sure if the color is supposed to be half and half). I think this has happened in the past but then we have graduating seniors that have finals during their commencement. Should this be addressed? (circled in red)
8. Page 1 - If there is supposed to be an overlap with colors for days with shared dates, 05/28 should also be half orange and green (for consistency). (circled in red)
9. Page 1 - Question: In Fall 26, Mo/We workload is 2 days less than Tu/Th workload. Is this correct?
10. Page 1 - Question: It appears there may be instruction days error on Sep. and Feb. Is this correct?
11. Page 1 and 2 - Spring break between weeks 9 and 10 ('25-'26 it is between weeks 10 and 11). Is there a reason?

12. Page 3 - In Fall 2027, classes start on a Thursday and add/drop ends on a Thursday. In Spring 2028, classes start on a Saturday and add/drop ends on a Friday. Is this correct?
13. Page 4 - Fall 2028 end of semester for faculty and Grades Due should be Dec 22, 2028, which is the Friday of that year (circled in red)
14. Page 5 - Not completely certain, but after checking the last two years' calendars, it looks like Winter 2030 (both 4-week & 2-week) dates may be off by one day. My understanding is Winter classes end on Wednesday, finals are on Thursday, and grades are due Friday. If that's right, suggested updates:
  - Classes end: Jan 15 → Jan 16
  - Finals: Jan 16 → Jan 17
  - End of semester for faculty: Jan 16 → Jan 17
  - Grades due (9:00 a.m.): Jan 17 → Jan 18
  - Grades finalization date: Jan 24 → Jan 25