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EXECUTIVE VICE CHANCELLORS AND PROVOSTS

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to clarify the timing of UC's observance of the Juneteenth holiday on June 20, 2022. President Drake announced in June of this year that the University would add Juneteenth to its calendar of holidays and "will celebrate the Juneteenth holiday according to the federal calendar."¹ Under federal guidelines the Juneteenth holiday is observed on the preceding Friday when it falls on a Saturday and the following Monday when it falls on a Sunday. The University of California will follow this guidance and observe Juneteenth on Monday, June 20, 2022.

A problem occurs when Juneteenth and the July 4th holiday are both observed on a Monday, as is the case in 2022: intensive Summer Session classes held by campuses on the quarter system could lose significant instructional contact hours unless there is some adjustment. Semester campuses face additional complications due to Memorial Day also being observed on a Monday. There may also be further challenges for classes that include in-person lab sections regardless of whether they are on the quarter or semester system.

Due to the fact that Juneteenth is a new holiday, having only been officially recognized as a federal and UC holiday since 2021, campuses did not have an opportunity to plan accordingly. I am writing to clarify that the calendar policy for common start dates across the campuses does not apply for summer sessions. Each campus has the flexibility to adjust its summer session calendar as long as the new calendar maintains the systemwide holiday schedule and complies with the other aspects of systemwide calendar policy, while giving campuses needed flexibility for summer calendars.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael T. Brown".

Michael T. Brown, Ph.D.
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cc Academic Council Chair Horwitz

¹ <https://ucnet.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/2021/06/a-message-to-the-uc-community-from-president-drake.html>

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