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TO: Department Chairs/Directors

FROM: Sue V. Rosser  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  

SUBJECT: OBSERVANCE OF RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

On June 3, 2009, President Corrigan approved the Academic Senate Policy on the Observance of Religious Holidays (S09-212). The policy indicates that, “The faculty of San Francisco State University shall accommodate students wishing to observe religious holidays when such observances require students to be absent from class activities...” For your convenience, the following is a link to an Interfaith Calendar—which lists “Primary sacred times for world religions”: 
http://www.interfaithcalendar.org/  

Complete details regarding this Policy, including implementation can be found on the Academic Senate Web Page at the following location:  
http://www.sfsu.edu/~senate/documents/policies/S09-212.html  

Please pass this information along to faculty at your first department meeting, and/or copy and distribute this memorandum to all faculty members in your department.

cc: Robert A. Corrigan, President  
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