

From *The Justice*, September 20, 2016:

“A new student coalition is calling for the University to change “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous Peoples Day” on the University’s academic calendar, ahead of the holiday on Oct. 10. Their Change.org petition had over 280 signatures by Monday night of faculty, alumni and students.”

Support for Student Petition

September 22, 2016

The Anthropology Department supports the petition calling on the University Advisory Council to “Vote to Change Columbus Day to Indigenous People’s Day” during their upcoming Oct. 10 meeting. The petition encourages faculty to support a name change from “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous People’s Day” on the academic calendar.

The current name favors a Eurocentric view of world history that heroizes the actions of an explorer funded by the Spanish empire, while the proposed name highlights the experiences and perspectives of the indigenous peoples of the Americas, whose role in the historical process continues to be silenced and marginalized.

To see the article in *The Justice* about this topic:

<http://www.thejustice.org/article/2016/09/columbus>