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**RE: Davis Division Response: Korea University Exchange Agreement – Pilot Program**

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate forwarded the referenced agreement to all divisional standing committees as well as Faculty Executive Committees within each college/professional school. Detailed responses were received from Committees on International Education, Planning and Budget and Undergraduate Council. The lengthy review period is regrettable; however, the Division felt it imperative to hold this response until the Committee on International Education submitted its response on June 7, 2012.

Responding negatively to the agreement is not possible given the campus has already formally committed to Korea University to initiate an exchange program. Unfortunately, the Division is now in the position of trying to assess the issues and must direct resources to solving these issues even if there are higher priority projects to which we hoped to focus our energy and resources in the coming year. Committees referred to the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP) organization as a potential model including suggesting the campus collaborate with UCEAP to provide student services as UCEAP has the infrastructure in place and functions effectively.

Review and approval of course credit transfer is a significant hurdle. The agreement signed specifically points out that the current transfer process is not feasible. Again, the UCEAP structure and organization was mentioned as a model for the campus. It is unclear whether the campus has the resources available to implement, on a pilot basis, the infrastructure necessary to carry out the commitments made to Korea University, and the Davis Division of the Academic Senate does not have the authority to mandate allocation of resources by units to manage this pilot program.

Overall the committees are aware the campus has embarked on a strategy to increase international student enrollment and participation. Unfortunately, it is clear the infrastructure for providing an effective exchange program between Korea University and UC Davis does not exist. The need for the campus to invest time and resources into identifying a means by which to approve transfer credit for UC Davis students participating in this exchange is an immediate need. Unfortunately, since the agreement was signed prior to review, the campus has no choice but to invest time and human resources in determining the means for facilitating transfer credit. The Division believes that the burden for organizing this effort falls to your organization as the initiating unit. However, authority rests with the Division concerning undergraduate policy. Therefore, I encourage you to swiftly consult with me concerning the Divisional standing committees that must be included in such a discussion.

Additionally, we are appreciative of your verbal assurances that your organization will not make commitments in the future without full, advance consultation with the Davis Division of the Academic Senate. It is imperative to consult immediately with the Division as soon as it becomes apparent there is a potential impact to undergraduate educational policy, or any matter falling within the Division's authority.

Sincerely,



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