

November 16, 2016

**Kristin Lagattuta**

Chair, Faculty Executive Committee, College of Letters and Science

RE: Proposal to Establish Departmental Status for Cinema and Digital Media

Dear Kristin:

The proposal to establish departmental status for the program in Cinema and Digital Media was forwarded to all standing committees of the Davis Division of the Academic Senate. Responses were received from Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, and the Committee on Planning and Budget.

All committees support the proposal. Graduate Council notes that the proposal does not include information on Cinema and Digital Media's intent for graduate student degree offerings, and suggests that the program consider "whether they envision the establishment of a graduate program in Cinema and Digital media in the future, or whether they expect to continue drawing students from other graduate groups. Specifically, the program may consider whether related departments and/or graduate groups can provide enough support for graduate education for this growing area of study." Full comments are attached.

The Davis Division supports the establishment of departmental status for Cinema and Digital Media.

Sincerely,



Rachael Goodhue  
Chair, Davis Division of the Academic Senate  
Professor and Chair, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Enclosed: Davis Division Committee Responses

- c: Carolyn Thomas, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Education  
Beth Floyd, Director, Undergraduate Education & Advising, College of Letters and Science  
Michael Neff, Co-Director, Cinema and Digital Media  
Kriss Ravetto-Biagioli, Co-Director, Cinema and Digital Media  
Karen Nofziger, Chief Administrative Officer, UC Davis Arts  
Edwin M. Arevalo, Executive Director, Davis Division of the Academic Senate