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Vice Provost – University Outreach & International Programs

RE: Draft MOU Zhejiang University (2x2 Student Exchange)

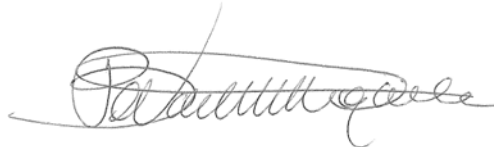
The proposal was forwarded to all Davis Division of the Academic Senate standing committees and Faculty Executive Committees within the schools and colleges for comment. Responses were received from the Planning & Budget Committee and Undergraduate Council.

The Division's response to the proposal is overall positive but would like to bring to your attention several concerns about the admissions process and the support services international students will likely need in order to succeed academically:

- The current proposal leaves room for the possibility that admission standards will be lowered for the students admitted under this program.
- The proposal also allows the possibility that admission decisions will be made outside the normal process.
- The proposal does not offer strong rationale for bypassing normal admissions procedures.
- The proposal does not clearly define CAES's roll in the admission process under the proposed MOU.
- Even though these will be qualified students who are likely to succeed, they may still need services specific to international students, including English as a second language courses.

While the Division generally supports the proposed MOU, which will bring highly qualified students to the university who will also pay international undergraduate tuition, the fact that the proposal deviates from standard admissions standards is a major concern, as well as ensuring international students receive adequate support to ensure their academic success. The Division asks that the concerns identified above are addressed before the agreement is finalized.

Sincerely,



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