

June 23, 2011

JEFFREY WILLIAMS, CHAIR

Faculty Executive Committee
College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Re: Proposal to Merge the Departments of Entomology and Nematology

The proposal was forwarded to all of the standing committees of the Davis Division including the college/school Faculty Executive Committees. Responses were received from: Committee on Planning and Budget and Undergraduate Council.

The Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) noted the proposal is consistent with the CPB "Department Merger/Disestablishment Principles". The rationale for the merger makes sense from the view of academic planning and the proposal considers and protects the needs of faculty affected by the change. CPB does however think that the discussion about the assignment of future FTE to be premature. CPB endorses the "Futures" Task Force recommendation that FTE be assigned at a campus wide level, by the reestablishment of the FTE Allocation Workgroup and using strategic academic plans and metrics such as workload to guide resource allocations.

Undergraduate Council noted that the consolidated department will retain the current majors and minors, and that this consolidation will be a benefit to undergraduates enrolled in these disciplines. UGC supports the proposal and approves it as submitted.

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate is supportive of the proposal to merge the two departments.

Sincerely,



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Chair & Professor: Chemical Engineering and
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c: Dean Van Alfen
Vice Provost Turner
Associate Dean Delaney