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Faculty Executive Committee Chair
College of Letters and Science

Re: Updated Proposal: Reconstitute the Department of Spanish and Classics

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate forwarded the proposal for review to all of the standing committees of the Division as well as Faculty Executive Committees within each college/professional school. The Committees on Academic Personnel-Oversight, Planning and Budget and Undergraduate Council responded.

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate approves the College of Letters and Science proposal to reconstitute the Department of Spanish and Classics as two separate and distinct units: the Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the Interdepartmental Program in Classics. The change is viewed as a benefit to the undergraduates enrolled in these majors, will bring Spanish into line with more than twenty-five similar Spanish and Portuguese departments nationwide, as well as raise the profile (on campus and nationally) of the Classics Program by creating a stand-alone entity.

The newly reconstituted academic units will need to update voting procedures following reconstitution and submit to Committee on Academic Personnel-Oversight for approval.

Sincerely,



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c: Vice Provost Turner