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Faculty Executive Committee Chair
College of Letters and Science

Re: Davis Division Response: Proposal to Establish the Department of Design

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. Substantive responses were received from the Committees on Academic Personnel-Oversight, Planning and Budget, and Undergraduate Council. A response from the Faculty Executive Committee from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences affirmed support.

The Davis Division of the Academic Senate supports the College of Letters and Science's proposal to establish the Department of Design. In confirming its support for the proposal, the Undergraduate Council opined; "The Council notes that the Design Program formerly had departmental status in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences prior to moving to the College of Letters and Science in 2005/2006. The new department will retain the current major and ladder faculty, and continue to be supported by the Arts Administrative Group and the Dean of the Division of Humanities, Arts and Cultural Studies. This change will be a benefit to undergraduates enrolled in the major. An additional benefit to UC Davis will be greater recognition of this multi-disciplinary academic program, both on campus and within the design industry."

Obviously, if the Department is established, it will need to revise previous program procedures concerning voting on promotions and tenure and submit them to the Committee on Academic Personnel-Oversight for approval.

By copy of this memo to Vice Provost Turner, the Davis Division provides notification that the Division has completed its review; thus, transferring responsibility to the Vice Provost's Office to coordinate review by the Council of Deans and Vice Chancellors.

Sincerely,



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