



Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Admissions Closure Request: Textiles and Clothing

April 13, 2012

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences has requested closure of admissions to the Textiles and Clothing Major.

Graduate Council

April 4, 2012 9:23 AM

No response at this time.

Undergraduate Council

April 18, 2012 11:01 AM

The Undergraduate Council voted 8 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions, to open all admissions at all levels for Fall 2013 for the major in Textiles and Clothing. We further voted 10 for, 0 against, 0 abstentions to conduct an expedited program review under the auspices of the University Instructional Program Review Committee to be completed on or prior to April 1, 2013 and to be used in all deliberations regarding further requests for suspension of admissions and/or discontinuation of the major. We recognize that this decisions contravenes the decision of the Faculty Executive Committee in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Science and are also cognizant of the implicit imperative to continue funding the instruction and advising of the major beyond the time frame that has been explicitly supported. However, it is the strong feeling of the committee that it is inappropriate to close or discontinue a major without access to recent review information about the major, and given that the major is due for review in the current cycle, we feel that it is imperative to review the major prior to taking any further action. I regret that this decision to review the major was not made during the Spring of 2011, but given the increasing accountability demanded of academic decisions in the face of an impending WASC reaccreditation review, it seems only prudent to examine timely review documents in order to evaluate the major, and in the absence of appropriate recent documentation, to generate materials through an expedited process. According to the Compendium a Five-Year Planning Perspective is sent each year from the campus after review in January by the divisional chair (see I.1 of the Compendium). it would be very helpful for the Undergraduate Council to have access to this document so that timely intervention can occur to dialogue about proposed changes before they reach the Senate level committee.