



Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Departmental Status Proposal - Cinema and Digital Media Program

November 2, 2016

Faculty in the Cinema and Digital Media program have proposed disestablishing the program and reconstituting it as an academic department in the College of Letters & Science.

Graduate Council

November 1, 2016 2:59 PM

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To: Academic Chair Goodhue

Re: Departmental Status Proposal – Cinema and Digital Media Program

Graduate Council (GC) discussed the proposal for the establishment of departmental status for the program in Cinema and Digital media at its meeting on October 21st, 2016.

GC congratulates the involved faculty in establishing a strong and vibrant program that has now outgrown program status. Expansion as a Department seems appropriate, particularly as it seems simply to codify operations as they already occur, except that the department faculty will replace the current program committee as the governing body.

GC was surprised to find that the proposal was focused entirely on undergraduate instructions and no information was provided regarding the proposed department's intent regarding graduate student degree offerings. Most departments in HARCs indeed have a departmentally-based graduate program. GC suggests that the proposed department considers whether they envision the establishment of a graduate program in Cinema and Digital Media in the future, or whether they expect to continue drawing students from other graduate groups. Specifically, the program may consider whether related departments and/or graduate groups can provide enough support for graduate education for this growing area of study.

Sincerely,

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Nicole Baumgarth, Chair
Graduate Council

Planning & Budget

November 11, 2016 3:22 PM

CPB discussed the departmental status proposal for Cinema and Digital Media System program and endorses the proposal.

Undergraduate Council

October 21, 2016 2:10 PM

The Undergraduate Council (UGC) has reviewed and discussed the proposal for disestablishing the present program in Cinema and Digital Media and reconstituting it as an academic department, and UGC supports the proposal.