



# **Davis Division Academic Senate**

## **Request for Consultation Responses**

### **Joint Academic Organization Task Force Report**

**April 18, 2014**

Chair Nachtergaele has requested Divisional review of the Joint Senate/Administration Academic Organization Task Force Report. The Task Force was jointly appointed by Provost Hexter and Chair Nachtergaele following receipt of a request from the Division of Mathematical and Physical Sciences to become a college. The Task Force was asked to refrain from recommending a specific organizational structure and to examine the proposal's campus-wide impact.

# **Faculty Welfare**

**March 19, 2014 10:40 AM**

While MPS have identified serious issues with advising, infrastructure, development support, and departmental recognition, the FWC concurs with the Task Force's conclusion that forming an independent college or merging with another division is not necessarily the best way to address these concerns. The committee encourages the Provost to develop a concrete plan to address the identified issues (where advising and infrastructure seem most serious) within the L&S structure and to utilize additional funds from the 20/20 Initiative to improve existing campus units, like MPS, where underfunding has been shown to be an impediment to performance.

# **Graduate Council**

**April 22, 2014 11:29 AM**

*No response at this time.*

# **Planning & Budget**

**April 22, 2014 8:51 AM**

CPB discussed the Joint Academic Organization Task Force report. The committee is in agreement that there are issues that must be resolved within the College of Letters and Science. CPB believes that one of the main issues, which may in fact give rise to many of the other issues discussed in the report, is a structural underfunding of the College. CPB urges that the issue of underfunding be resolved before considering the creation of separate colleges.