



Davis Division Academic Senate

Request for Consultation Responses

Proposal to Suspend Admissions to Textiles & Clothing

March 3, 2011

The Undergraduate Council has authority to approve suspension of admissions to the program. The Division is requesting consideration by relevant standing committees to advise Undergraduate Council's review. The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences is proposing suspension of admissions to the Textiles and Clothing major for a two year period as the program is reviewed for possible closure.

Elections, Rules & Jurisdiction

March 2, 2011 10:06 AM

No response at this time.

Graduate Council

February 18, 2011 2:16 PM

No information was provided about the implications of this decision for graduate education, but it would appear that closing UG admission will have a negative impact on graduate education by eliminating teaching opportunities, a departmental home for the Graduate Group in Textiles, and possibly affect graduate students in other programs including Agricultural Chemistry. Since the undergraduate major seems to be thriving and no explanation was provided for closing the department or the major, and because of the negative implications for graduate education, at this time Graduate Council can find no basis to support this proposal.

Since we have been given so little information to work with, we assume that if a solid justification were provided to us we could come to a different conclusion in the future.

Planning & Budget

March 2, 2011 10:09 AM

CPB has discussed the proposal to suspend admissions to Textiles and Clothing Major. CPB endorses the Graduate Council response. This is a thriving major with 93 students. No reason or justification is given in the proposal for closing the department and therefore causing the suspension of admissions. Indeed, the major can be continued without the department, as long as the faculty are willing to continue to teach the needed courses. CPB can not endorse the request to suspend admissions at this time.