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CHANCELLORS
ACADEMIC COUNCIL CHAIR JACOB

Re: Campus Five-Year Planning Perspectives

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to provide you with information from the Five-Year Planning Perspectives submitted early this spring and also information about undergraduate and graduate degree programs that have had no enrollment for the last five years. I encourage you to share these materials with others and to provide UCOP with any comments by October 31, 2014.

The Perspectives list campus proposals to establish new undergraduate and graduate degree programs and create new schools and colleges, as well as plans to transfer, consolidate, discontinue, or disestablish those already in existence. They also note the disposition of items from the last Perspectives submission in 2011. The enclosed Excel file can be manipulated to provide various views of plans across the system. Also provided is an overview of some of the trends in the Perspectives from all the campuses.

The Perspectives are distributed systemwide so that all UC campuses can review them and learn of sister campuses’ academic plans. Sharing this information creates an opportunity to promote coordination, synergy, and specialization. As referenced in the Compendium, issues of interest may include:

- the potential for cooperative planning;
- similarities among anticipated actions as well as relationships between these actions and extant programs and units (both within and across campuses);
- need for new resources or redirection of existing ones;
- financial sustainability over time;
- potential to enhance UC system (or campus) character or reputation;
- convergence with state and national needs; and,
- Senate and administration involvement in proposal development and review.

Also enclosed is an enrollment report from the UCOP Corporate Student System. The report lists existing degree programs, both graduate and undergraduate, that have had zero enrollment for the past five years. This information is provided as a supplement to the Perspectives so that campuses may consider whether these programs are candidates for discontinuance.
Per the Compendium, Academic Senate review of the Five-Year Planning Perspectives should include UCEP, CCGA, and UCPB; inclusion of other committees is at the discretion of Academic Senate leaders. In addition, it seems useful to share the enclosed materials with the graduate deans, the undergraduate deans, and other interested parties on campus, should you choose to do so. I will ask that the Five-Year Planning Perspectives be discussed at an early meeting of the Council of Vice Chancellors. If you and your colleagues have comments, please submit them by October 31, 2014. They should be sent electronically to Jocelyn Banaria at jocelyn.banaria@ucop.edu.

Comments received will be forwarded to the Academic Planning Council (APC) for discussion in the fall. APC may refer issues to other parties for further examination, additional advice, and/or execution of an ad hoc study group.

Cordially,

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Enclosures (3)

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