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Subject: College of Public Health proposal

Hi Tom and Dave,

I received your proposal on the College of Public Health in my capacity as chair of the Academic Programs Committee. I thought the proposal was very sound, but I decided that there is no need for our committee to review it, because no new degree programs are being created. In the future, of course, as the CPH begins to offer new programs, we will be happy to review them.

One point that was not addressed in the proposal occurred to me when I read it. After the proposed reorganization, only two departments will remain in the College of Health Sciences. Might not these departments be absorbed by other colleges, and the College of Health Sciences dissolved? Because the departments of Clinical Sciences and Rehabilitation Sciences focus on the training of health professionals, and Rehabilitation Sciences, at least, focuses on professions that involve intensive one-on-one work with patients, one possibility might be to merge the College of Health Sciences with the College of Nursing to create a College of Nursing & Health Professions. Two other reasons in favor this reorganization: if we're going to add a Dean, it might be a good idea to remove one, too, and the weakness of the research programs of the two remaining departments in Health Sciences doesn't argue in favor its continued existence. It's always easier to create new entities than to dissolve old ones, and I understand why you might be reluctant to combine the noncontentious issue of creating the CPH with the more contentious issue of dissolving the CHS, but in these times of fiscal constraint, we need to look for ways to streamline the organization even as we take advantage of new opportunities. Of course, such a change would require a consensus of the faculty, staff, and students involved.

Regards,

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