

November 20, 2007

Scott Waugh
Acting Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost of UCLA

In Re: Proposal to Departmentalize the Women's Studies IDP

Dear Scott,

This letter supersedes my correspondence to you dated November 6, 2007, on the topic of Women's Studies Departmentalization, in which I reported that at its November 1, 2007 general meeting, the Legislative Assembly voted unanimously to endorse the proposal to departmentalize the Women's Studies IDP. The LgA found the proposal to have been worthy of approval on its own merits, but was heartened by the unanimous endorsements of the Academic Senate's Executive Board, Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, and Council on Planning and Budget.

On the matter of departmentalization, the Academic Senate is advisory to the Chancellor. I am delighted to inform you of the Senate's support. Because the curriculum will remain with essentially the same faculty, housed in a department that grew out of the IDP, I have been informed that no further approval is necessary, beyond that of the Chancellor's Office. Had the curriculum been transferred to a separate faculty, the graduate programs would have required both the approval of UCOP and the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA). However, given that there is no real transference proposed, UCOP and CCGA will only need to be informed of the departmentalization.

I apologize in advance for any confusion on my earlier letter may have caused. I am copying this letter to Professors Bruce Schumm and Farid Chehab, Chair and Vice Chair of CCGA, in order to inform them that the CCGA need not opine on the proposal as I had earlier requested.

Because of the size of the proposal, I am not including it as an enclosure, but will rather provide you with the following link:
<http://www.senate.ucla.edu/committee/lga/documents/womensstudiesdepartmentalization.pdf>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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UCLA Divisional Academic Senate Chair

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