

June 19, 2018

Dear Members of the Faculty Senate,

In recognition of the importance of interdisciplinary studies in the holistic education of our students and its often integrated role in furthering diversity, equity and inclusion, we petition for the immediate consideration and subsequent advancement and adoption of a change to the annual report format to include a summary of these activities.

The existing annual report structure concludes (with trust that the previous DEI petition was accepted and acted on):

*VII. Awards, Honors, Recognitions*

*VIII. Examples illustrating a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion from teaching, research and/or service*

*IX. Teaching, research, service, advising, and professional development goals for the next academic year*

*X. Ways the University, school/college, and/or department could be more supportive of your work*

We propose amendment to the following:

*VII. Awards, Honors, Recognitions*

*VIII. Examples illustrating a commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion from teaching, research and/or service*

***IX. Examples of interdisciplinary activities in teaching, research, service, and professional development***

*X. Teaching, research, service, advising, and professional development goals for the next academic year*

*XI. Ways the University, school/college, and/or department could be more supportive of your work*

In so articulating these activities, the university will be better informed on these activities and be positioned to advance these activities on campus, further campus connections, and look for synergistic opportunities to benefit faculty, staff and students.

In service and gratitude,

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cc: Provost Donovan, Associate Provost Weeks, Deans Bunton, Erekson, Hartman, Helmrich, Lockwood, Patton, Schoolmaster, Snow and Chancellor Boschini,