




January 23, 2015

To: Jose Wudka, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Ken Baerenklau, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Review of Merge of Campus Colleges

As requested, CEP polled its membership regarding the Provost's proposal to pursue a reorganization of CHASS and CNAS into an arts and sciences college. We find little support for pursuing this proposal, with a majority of those voting expressing opposition.

The poll results are: (2) in favor; (5) opposed; (1) abstain; (3) no response.

Members in favor expressed support for the philosophical arguments provided by the Provost regarding the benefits of locating the core of the educational enterprise in a single college; and expressed a willingness to continue the conversation in hopes of better understanding the specific benefits of reorganization which so far remain unclear.

Members opposed stated that the reorganization would not address the existing problems in CNAS; felt that the merger lacks sufficient justification; questioned why less disruptive solutions to issues of concern are not being considered; and felt that there would be few, if any, benefits to undergraduate education.