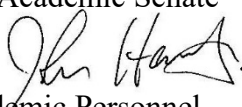




**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PERSONNEL**

May 19, 2017

To: Dylan Rodriguez  
Riverside Division Academic Senate

From: John Heraty, Chair   
Committee on Academic Personnel

Re: Appendix 7 Transfer of Program Proposed Transfer of the Public Policy Major from CHASS to SPP

CAP was asked to review the documents on the proposed transfer of the Public Policy Major from CHASS to SPP. The committee does not think that the implications of the proposed policy have a direct bearing on the merit and promotion process. However, as faculty some CAP members wonder about the impetus behind the transfer.

The SPP Executive Committee denies that transferring the public policy major to SPP adds to the professionalization of undergraduate education. Yet this claim requires clarification, as SPP is a professional school. The SPP Executive Committee also argues that interaction between CHASS and pre-professional majors “strengthens the diversity of our student body.” This claim also requires clarification since it seems to suggest that the proposed transfer *does* make the major a pre-professional one. Finally, the SPP Executive Committee notes that most of the courses for the major remain CHASS courses. Again, clarification is needed. If the courses remain CHASS courses, why does the major not remain a CHASS major? Given the new budget model, the transfer will direct the benefits of the major to SPP while CHASS retains the instructional burden.

Some CAP members think that this shift towards pre-professional undergraduate degrees overlooks the importance of a liberal arts education. If CHASS is to become a service enterprise meant to serve the professional degree programs, its mission will be lost. Maintaining the public policy major within CHASS demonstrates that a liberal arts education remains a core value for the university as a whole.