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RIVERSIDE DIVISION

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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

RE: CEP REPORT TO THE DIVISION ON CONVERSION FACTOR

Attached for the May Division meeting, please find the CEP Findings and Recommendations to the Division regarding the conversion factor. As mentioned in the CEP report, it should not be seen as a definitive statement on the conversion factor at UCR; rather it should be taken as a good faith effort by CEP to fulfill its responsibilities as spelled out by the resolution of the Division membership at the February, 2006, meeting. CEP believes that it will take many more months of a deep and far-ranging consideration of conversion in relationship to general education and/or breadth at UCR, among a much wider segment of the entire UCR faculty, before any long-lasting measures of educational policy can be formulated.

In the attached report from CEP, we attempt to provide an overview of the findings of the Cross College Committee on Conversion (C-4 report and tables also attached to be included in Division agenda) and to make some interim recommendations on conversion to the Division. The two CEP recommendations are: 1.) The CHASS courses that are currently proposed by the Committee on Courses should be submitted for approval at the May Division meeting and 2.) Beginning immediately, the Academic Senate should develop an action plan for the 2006-07 academic year on conversion and its relationship to general education/breadth.