June 11, 2009

TO: ANNE SUTHERLAND
DIRECTOR, INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

FR: ANTHONY W. NORMAN, CHAIR
RIVERSIDE DIVISION

RE: OFFICE OF INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

The request to change the title of the “Liberal Studies & Interdisciplinary Programs Office” to “Office of Interdisciplinary Programs” was reviewed and approved by the Committee on Educational Policy on June 3, 2009. It was endorsed unanimously by the Executive Council on June 8, 2009.
May 11, 2009

TO: Tony Norman
Chair of the Riverside Division

via: Stephen Cullenberg, Dean

FROM: Dr. Anne Sutherland
Director, Interdisciplinary Programs

Anne Sutherland

We are submitting a memo to change the title of “Liberal Studies & Interdisciplinary Programs Office” to “Office of Interdisciplinary Programs.”

History of the current office

At the start of the fiscal year 2008, Dean Cullenberg reorganized the Liberal Studies and Interdisciplinary Programs office in the following ways.

1. The office was separated from CHASS Connect both physically and administratively.
2. The office was moved to the new Interdisciplinary Building and the new unit was expanded to include a number of majors, including Liberal Studies, Global Studies, Latin American Studies, Asian Studies, Public Policy, and Interdisciplinary Studies.
3. Two administrators were hired to serve these programs and advisors for the programs were housed with the unit.

Rationale for Name Change:

The reorganization of the office with its expanded number of majors and programs, expanded administrative functions and advising role requires a name change to reflect the scope of the new unit. The Dean suggested it be named the “Office of Interdisciplinary Programs.”

Request: We formally request that the name change be approved

Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, & Social Sciences: 5/27/09

Committee on Educational Policy Concurs: 6/3/09

Endorsed by the Executive Council: 6/5/2009

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