

President's Response to Amendment B to University Policy S13-9, Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Unit

Inbox



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to Ravisha, Eva, Vincent, Zaynna

Dear Ravisha,

I am writing on behalf of President Papazian to refer back to the Senate the proposed Amendment B to University Policy S13-9, Merging, Dividing, Transferring, Eliminating Academic Units. She requests that the policy be revised to take the following issues into account:

1. Collaboration - As written, the policy implies that changes are initiated by academic administrators (see #4 below). The process should allow for a more collaborative process between faculty and academic leaders that is less onerous.
2. The document uses the language of "seniority," but that is not a term used in collective bargaining. The document needs to be more precise.
3. Timeline - The timeline described in the policy is more onerous than they need to be (e.g., proposal should be available for 10 duty days, not 15; vote between 5 and 10 duty days (we don't need three weeks to collect a dept vote));
4. Practicality - The level of detail required for items B, E, and F in the written proposal is not easily accessible beyond deans and other administrative leaders (suggesting that the deans or above are the ones driving the process). Instead of "documenting" these issues in writing, we should suggest that they should be covered in discussion and not in writing - as collection of these data would take inordinate amounts of time.

The President encourages you to work with the Provost as needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Lisa