



February 11, 2019

To: Dylan Rodríguez, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Paul Lyons, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

Re: Proposal to Transfer the Pre-Business Program from CHASS to the School of Business

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) reviewed the proposal to transfer the Pre-Business program from the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences (CHASS) to the School of Business (BUSINESS) to establish a 4-year undergraduate major in the School at their January 11, 2019 meeting. The Committee voted to support that the proposal has merit with 4 members voting to support the motion, 3 voting against the motion and 2 members abstaining from the vote. However, the Committee did have a robust conversation noting both concerns and strengths of the proposal.

Members noted that the proposal will allow students to have contact with BUSINESS advisors for all 4 years and will also allow for students to attend a BUSINESS led orientation, which will benefit students. Another benefit to students noted by members was that they would be able to directly apply to the 4-year program at the time admissions, which provides assurance for students. Members recognized that the proposal was well articulated and provided much detail for the expansion of BUSINESS' infrastructure to accommodate a 4-year major.

Members did note concern for the department of Economics as they will lose students. Members also expressed doubt that BUSINESS has sufficient faculty to instruct the projected increased number of students in the program. Members discussed the program's curriculum and noted concern that the proposal did not include any changes to the curriculum for the first two years of the program. Concern was also noted that the proposed change could impact students' learning outcomes under the context of diversity and globalization, if the students lose the opportunity to learn the courses under the current curriculum. Although, members recommended that BUSINESS consider offering more courses during the first two years of the program instead of continuing with a mostly CHASS curriculum. Members also noted concern that existing infrastructure in BUSINESS would be able to serve the 4-year program with advising and course offerings.