



## PLANNING & BUDGET

November 14, 2019

To: Dylan Rodriguez, Chair  
Riverside Division

From: Harry Tom, Chair  
Committee on Planning and Budget

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry WK Tom".

**Re: [Campus Review] Proposal: New Undergraduate Major: Data Science Undergraduate Major – Revised – 3<sup>rd</sup> Round**

At their November 12, 2019 meeting, Planning & Budget (P&B) discussed the Data Science response to P&B's comments about the revised Data Science major proposal (round 2 document). The committee approves on the premise stated in the cover letter that this major will have costs and responsibilities handled like any other major with Dean's revenue also handled like any other major.

It would have been useful to put that text directly on page 6, under point 10. However, the committee understands the urgency of creating the program as soon as possible and does not wish to delay it further. The Committee notes specifically on page 6 of the round 2 proposal item 10, where there are some points that may be construed as entitlements of this major for special treatment rather than the "same as other majors" budgetary limitations: a) discussion of LSOE and current new gift funding which may or may not be continued in support of this new program but should be subject to the "same as other major" budgetary principles should external funds not be available, b) increases in enrollment leading to increased TA costs that should be "easily covered by the tuition fees" defers to "same as other majors" principles, since the path of tuition fees to Deans to TA salaries is not necessarily straight forward, but in any case will have no special advantage/disadvantage relative to other majors.