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RE: Proposal for the Formalization of Division Status for Undergraduate Education

The CHASS Executive committee, in deliberating on this latest version of this proposal--which does address some of the initial concerns raised by various faculty bodies--have the following comments and questions:

1. Some more details about the budget for this new division would be useful. Although the immediate proposed action is to put pre-existing units under the umbrella of Undergraduate Education (UE), what about future hires of faculty, administrators, and supporting staff?
2. What about the revenue track for the Summer Sessions? Will the colleges (and departments) still receive the same revenue from courses offered during the summer, or will all revenue go the UE? For instance, CHASS gets revenue from courses taught in the Summer Sessions and some of this revenue goes to the departments supplying the instructors. Will this change with the formalization of the UE as a Division?
3. An entire set of related concerns, which may be addressed by clearer and more detailed and precise description in the proposal has to do with pedagogical control or collaboration with schools and departments/programs involved, as well as revenue streams, and the choice of hires of TAs.

For example, the University Writing Program (which *is* part of UE) may be affected: how will the TAs be hired? Many come from the English Department, will the UE have more control over how the TAs will be hired and from which departments? And what about required courses such as English 1A, 1B, and 1C? Will the allocation of the revenue from these courses change from the current procedure? Similarly, for other preparatory courses in other schools (e.g., math prep courses).

The CHASS EC feels that it would be very useful for these issues to be clarified further in the proposal.