

August 2, 2021

To: Shane White, Chair
Academic Senate

Re: Report of the Interdisciplinary Education Ad Hoc Committee

The Interdisciplinary Education Ad Hoc (IEAH) Committee has concluded its work as charged by Academic Senate Chair Michael Meranze on March 12, 2020. As an *ad hoc* committee of the Executive Board, the committee was charged with reviewing the state of interdisciplinary education programs and structures at UCLA and reporting to the Executive Board with recommendations to the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils and Executive Vice Chancellor/Provost. Our final report and recommendations are enclosed on the unanimous endorsement of the committee.

To maintain the momentum generated by this report, I recommend that the Executive Board (1) forward the report and recommendations to the administrators mentioned and interviewed as part of the committee work; and (2) consider convening an implementation committee. The implementation committee should continue to interface with the administration, possibly as a joint *ad hoc* committee of (or with liaisons from) the Council on Planning and Budget and the Undergraduate and Graduate Council. Such a committee would be charged with monitoring the effects of the new budget model on interdisciplinary education and working with Senate committees and the administration on the implementation of the committee's recommendations. If convened, I would recommend Professor Felix Schweizer to chair such a committee; he has demonstrated dedicated leadership and expertise in this space and would be a strong advocate for the interests of interdisciplinary programs and faculty.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at gober@chem.ucla.edu and the Interdisciplinary Education Ad Hoc Committee Analyst Taylor Lane Daymude at tlanedaymude@senate.ucla.edu.

Sincerely,



Jim Gober, Chair
Interdisciplinary Education Ad Hoc Committee

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