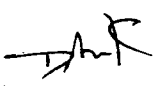


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MEMORANDUM

TO: School of Education Policy Council

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RE: Committee Progress

In October 2002, the Long Range Planning Committee was charged by Dean Gonzalez to: "consider whether our academic departments are organized as well as they can be in order to discharge the School's Mission and achieve our strategic goals, ... and to examine whether it would be possible to reduce administrative structure, achieve greater balance in size, and increase the overall efficiency in the use of resources to deliver our academic programs at the highest level of quality possible."

The committee has met three times to discuss the issues and develop strategies for moving forward. Initially, due to competing demands, several members of the committee resigned. As a result, committee membership did not have a critical mass of stakeholders in reorganization. Subsequently, the Agenda Committee of the Policy Council appointed additional members.

To date, the committee has:

1. Gathered and discussed information about the current School of Education structure and departments related to size, budget, etc.
2. Gathered information about other Schools of Education in Big 10 universities.
3. Planned initial meetings with each of the Department Chairs for January 2003 for discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of the existing structure and possible structure alternatives.
4. Planned meetings with the Technology Committee, Research Committee, Diversity Committee, Teacher Education Council, and Graduate Studies Committee.
5. The committee was also asked by Dean Gonzalez to make a recommendation to the Policy Council regarding monitoring and reporting of the School of Education long range plan objective of Outreach and Partnerships: The Teachers Education Committee seems to be the best existing committee for this role. In addition, the Technology Committee, Research Committee, Diversity Committee, and Graduate Studies Committee should report their activities on their goals related to outreach and partnerships.

cc: School of Education Long Range Planning Committee Members