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November 12, 2003

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Dear Carol:

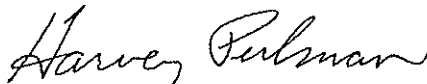
Thank you for forwarding to me the resolution calling for a member of UNOPA and UAAD to be appointed to the Academic Planning Committee. As you correctly anticipated, my response to UNOPA's proposal is the same as my response to the UAAD resolution. I do understand desire that UNOPA's resolution also be considered by me.

For the record, while I will certainly bring this to Senior Administrative Team for discussion, I am not inclined to support this proposed change in the structure of APC. While I understand that recent budget reductions impacted office/service and managerial/ professional staff more heavily than faculty, the fact is the overwhelming majority of the work dealt with by APC has nothing to do with budget. Academic program reviews, consideration of changes in academic programs, as well as participation in campus planning are the real work of the committee, which are necessarily the purview of the faculty and academic administrators. While it is true that these other responsibilities do have an impact on staff, the primary drivers of those decisions must be academic ones. Further, The current makeup of the committee was the result of a long period of conversation between the Senate and administration, and I would be reluctant to dilute the input from these two groups.

It is also my understanding that UAAD and UNOPA were included in the *Procedures to be invoked for significant budget reallocation and reduction* to anticipate the concern you raise about differential reductions across categories of individuals.

Again, I will discuss your proposal with the Senior Administrative Team and will advise you of the outcome of those conversations.

Sincerely,



Harvey Perlman
Chancellor and Harvey & Susan Perlman
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