January 27, 2022

MICHAEL T. BROWN
PROVOST AND EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Re: Approval of UC San Diego Proposal to Reorganize Academic Divisions into Schools

Dear Michael:

The Academic Council has approved UC San Diego’s proposal to reorganize its four general campus academic divisions into schools, thereby establishing the Schools of Arts and Humanities, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences.

The proposal is an unusual one in that it seeks to transition four existing discipline-based academic Divisions into Schools. The Senate’s three Compendium committees—CCGA, UCEP, and UCPB—reviewed the proposal. They are unanimous in support and their respective memos are attached.

In offering its endorsement, the Council notes that existing policy does not address the conversion of an academic Division into a School. We understand that Regents Bylaw 22.2 (b) specifies matters specifically reserved to the Board and/or its Committees for approval or other action. With respect to academic matters, this includes “establishing or eliminating colleges, schools, graduate divisions and organized multi-campus research units.”

We ask that you transmit the proposal to the Regents for their approval. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Robert Horwitz, Chair
Academic Council

Cc: Provost Brown
UCSD Division Chair Javidi
UCSD Senate Director Hullings
Chief of Staff Peterson
IRAP Analyst Procello
Academic Council
Executive Director Baxter

Encl.
ACADEMIC COUNCIL CHAIR ROBERT HORWITZ

Dear Chair Horwitz,

Via email, the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs (CCGA) voted to approve the proposal from UCSD to reorganize its Divisions into Schools.

The Lead Reviewer reviewed the proposal and ensured that there were no substantive programmatic/curricular changes or a substantial need for new resources. The proposal makes it clear that there are no changes beyond the name changes, and the proposal asserts the financial viability of each Division. Each Dean’s letter of support also makes this point. Consistent with this, the Lead Reviewer did not identify any changes beyond the name changes.

Members voted and unanimously (with one abstention) agreed this was in alignment with a simple name change and did not qualify as the establishment of new schools.

Please let me know if I can answer any questions for you regarding this change.

Sincerely,

Andrea M. Kasko
Chair, CCGA

cc: Susan Cochran, Academic Council Vice Chair
    CCGA Members
    Hilary Baxter, Academic Senate Executive Director
    Michael LaBriola, Academic Senate Assistant Director
    Chris Procello, Academic Planning and Research Analyst
    James Antony, UCSD Graduate Dean
    Lori Hullings, UCSD Senate Executive Director
    Ashley Hill, UCSD Senate Associate Director
January 12, 2022

ROBERT HORWITZ, CHAIR
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

RE: UC SAN DIEGO PROPOSAL TO REORGANIZE GENERAL CAMPUS ACADEMIC DISISSIONS INTO SCHOOLS

Dear Robert,

The University Committee on Planning and Budget (UCPB) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed reorganization of Divisions into Schools at UC San Diego.

The campus indicated their desire is to increase consistency in the academic structure across campus, and renaming Divisions into Schools would create no curricular, organizational, programmatic or financial changes. UCPB noted no changes with budgetary impact.

UCPB voted to approve the proposal via email and agreed this proposal is akin to a simple name change rather than the establishment of new schools.

Sincerely,

Kathleen McGarry, Chair
UCPB

cc: UCPB
November 3, 2021

ROBERT HORWITZ, CHAIR
ACADEMIC COUNCIL

RE: UC SAN DIEGO’S PROPOSAL TO RE-NAMESPACE THE GENERAL CAMPUS ACADEMIC DIVISIONS TO ESTABLISH SCHOOLS OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, PHYSICAL SCIENCES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Dear Robert,

The University of California Education Policy Committee (UCEP) of the Academic Senate voted to endorse UC San Diego’s Proposal to Re-name the General Campus Academic Divisions to Establish Schools of Arts and Humanities, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences during our meeting on November 1st.

UCEP appreciates the opportunity to comment on this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary Lynch, Chair
UCEP