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September 12, 2001

MEMORANDUM

TO: Manfred Stommel, UCAG Chairperson
Jon Sticklen, UCFA Chairperson

FROM: Norman Abeles, Chairperson
Executive Committee of Academic Council

SUBJECT: Staff Representation on Academic Council

At the Executive Committee meeting of September 11, 2001, the attached information relating to Staff Representation on Academic Council was reviewed. It was agreed by ECAC that this issue should go to UCAG and UCAP for review and we are asking that both committees report back to ECAC in writing within a month.

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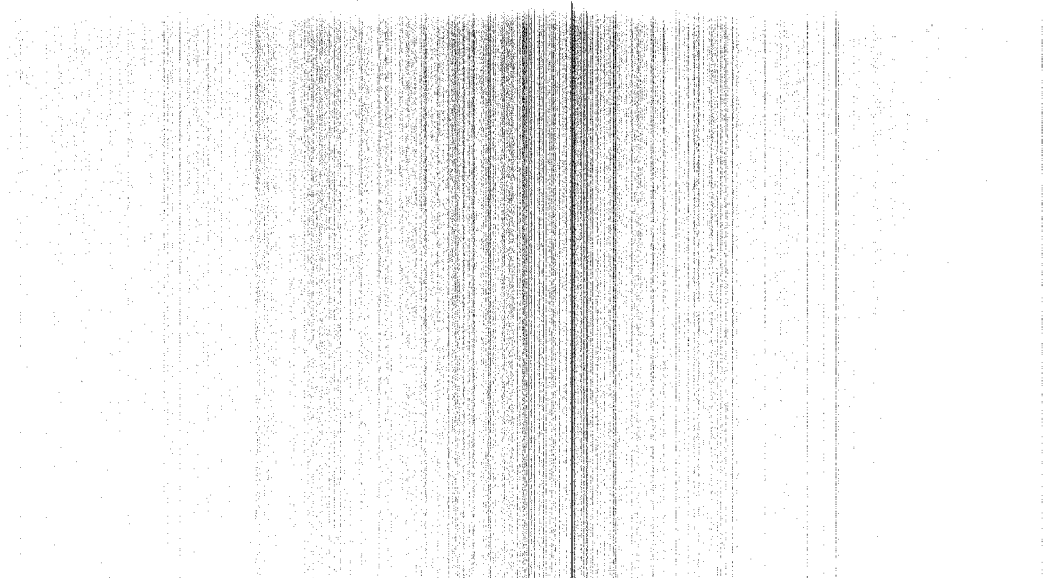
Thank you!

Attachment

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To: Executive Committee for Academic Council
From:

Subject: Staff Representation on Academic Council

As a former elected member of Academic Council, I have been aware for sometime of the absence of any staff level representation in Academic Council. While I did question that absence on several occasions while speaking before council, I never had the frame of mind to offer a motion to rectify that omission. This letter is hereby a request to do just that.

If we are as we profess to be through our Guiding Principles an institution "that makes people matter", our exclusion of a large portion of our community from this major deliberative and advisory body is a glaring omission. That we have failed, in my knowledge, to formally address this during my 19 year tenure here seems an injustice. I therefore recommend that an ad hoc committee be appointed to develop and recommend a process and structure for including representation to Academic Council from this currently disenfranchised sector of our community. The ad hoc committee should be comprised of equal members from the administration, faculty, students, and staff (with at least some representation from labor unions). Recommendations and a report should be delivered to Academic Council for discussion before the end of Fall Semester 2001.

Sincerely,