Memorandum

To: University Senate

From: Raymond A. Noe, Chair
Council on Academic Affairs

Date: May 26, 2006

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH A PH.D. PROGRAM IN DANCE STUDIES

WHEREAS this program reflects a growth in dance scholarship, and builds on the foundation provided by the current M.A., M.F.A., and undergraduate curriculum, and also reflects a steady shift in our student interest and faculty research; and

WHEREAS this internationally-known and respected department will offer a program to be among a small set nationally, and will emphasize an awareness of the practice of dance that will include history and theory related to such activity; and

WHEREAS the program will train students in rigorous modes of dance analysis, criticism and documentation, using methodologies unique and inherent to the field; and

WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by the Council on Research and Graduate Studies on January 23, 2006, and then by a Subcommittee, and by the full Council on Academic Affairs on May 26, 2006.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish a Ph.D. program in Dance Studies and respectfully request concurrence from the Board of Trustees.