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To: University Senate  
From: Eric C. Bielefeld, Chair, Council on Academic Affairs  
Subject: Proposal to Terminate the Center for Higher Education Enterprise  
Date: October 18, 2018

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO TERMINATE THE CENTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ENTERPRISE

Whereas it is the responsibility of the Council on Academic Affairs to conduct reviews of University-level centers/institutes, and a Centers Review Committee was established to conduct a set of such reviews during the 2017-18 academic year; and

Whereas the leadership of the Center for Higher Education Enterprise (CHEE) prepared a self-study focusing on, as required: mission; faculty and student involvement and contribution; administrative structure and responsibilities; budget; and evaluation criteria benchmarks; and

Whereas the review committee determined that a termination recommendation was appropriate based on: a) substantive overlap/duplication of CHEE functions with other existing centers/units on campus; b) cessation of funding and most activities; and c) a lack of support from stakeholders to continue the status quo operation of CHEE or to merge its functions with other centers/units on campus; and

Whereas the recommendation to terminate has the support of the Interim Director, and the Office of Academic Affairs to which it reports; and

Whereas the proposal from the Centers Review Committee to terminate CHEE was thoroughly reviewed by the Council on Academic Affairs and approved at its meeting on July 12, 2018;

Therefore be it resolved that the University Senate approve the proposal to terminate the Center for Higher Education Enterprise.