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To: University Senate

From: Blaine Lilly, Chair
Council on Academic Affairs

Date: March 18, 2016

A PROPOSAL FROM THE COUNCIL ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH THE GLOBAL WATER INSTITUTE

WHEREAS faculty, staff, and leaders from eight colleges have collaborated to create a university-wide Global Water Institute that embodies a new model for conducting University research and solving pressing global issues, and has direct relevance to and a record of engagement with the Discovery Themes; and

WHEREAS the Institute integrates the assets of the University and layers them with those of other key research universities, not-for-profits, non-governmental organizations, industries, and governmental entities to develop sustainable systems solutions for regional and global water issues; and

WHEREAS the proposal adheres to the Guidelines for the Establishment and Review of Academic Centers, including specification of an administrative structure and funding sources including the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of Research, and the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, and has letters of support from both within and outside the University; and

WHEREAS the proposal was reviewed and approved by a subcommittee composed of members of the University Research Committee and the Council on Academic Affairs, and then by the full Council on Academic Affairs at its meeting on March 2, 2016; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the University Senate approve the proposal to establish the Global Water Institute.