
ATTACHMENT B

AA Committee's response to Dean Yarbrough's response.

November 25, 1997

TO: James D.
Yarbrough, Dean
College of Arts and
Science

FROM: The Academic Affairs Committee of the
Faculty Senate Peggy Jesse and Jim Richardson,
Co-chairs

SUBJECT: Proposal to merge language departments

The Academic Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate has reviewed your proposal of October 24, 1997 to merge the Department of Romance and Classics, the Department of German and Russian and the Critical Languages Center.

Your merger proposal was distributed to the Faculty Senate at the November meeting and the senate was informed of the progress of the committee and the postponement of the deadline for senate response from November 24 to December 10. Our committee raised several issues

-) regarding the proposed merger which were delivered to you in a meeting with the committee co-chairs. You agreed to respond in writing to the committee's concerns and delivered your response to our committee on November 25.

The committee has examined the rationale as stated in your merger proposal and in your follow-up response to our questions. We found the rationale reasonable. On the basis of information collected by the committee, we agreed that the criteria for merger, as stated in Principles and Procedures for Merger and Discontinuance of Academic Units, were met.