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OFFICE FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Vice Presidents
Council of Deans
Faculty Senate Executive Committee
Graduate Council

FROM: Nancy S. Barrett NSB

RE: Merger of the College of Communication and the School of Library and
and Information Studies

Pursuant to the Principles and Procedures for Merger of Academic Units in the Faculty Handbook, this is to notify you of my intention to recommend to President Sorenson the merger of the College of Communication and the School of Library and Information Studies.

After Dean Turner informed me that he was leaving the University, I established a task force to advise me on future directions for SLIS. This merger was one of the options proposed by the task force and seemed to me a way to enhance collaboration among faculty in the related areas of Communication and Information Studies. It should also permit the sharing of technology infrastructure and of planning for future curriculum development as both units seek to take advantage of new developments in communication technology.

I have attached a copy of the task force report.

Your comments and suggestions are welcome. Please respond no later than February 10, 1997.

NSB/dm

Attachment

c: Dean Calpepper Clark
Interim Dean Charles Osburn
College of Communication Faculty
School of Library and Information Studies Faculty