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OFFICE FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Dr. Peggy Jessoc, Co-chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs  
Dr. Ray White, Co-chair, Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs  
Faculty Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

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**FROM:** Nancy S. Barrett, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

**RE:** Proposed Merger of Now College with the College of Arts and Sciences

Professor Garner has forwarded your memo of April 28 to me. First, I would like to express my appreciation to the Committee on Academic Affairs for listening to the various points of view expressed regarding the proposed merger, for identifying concerns and unresolved issues, and encouraging the parties to come to the table to discuss these issues and concerns.

Second, I regret the misunderstanding that occurred regarding the timing of my recommendation to President Sorenson. I believed that the effective date of July 1 would allow sufficient time for outstanding issues to be clarified, and I had not understood that the Committee was intending to move so quickly with a final recommendation on the merger. In hindsight, I would have held up my recommendation for another few days pending receipt of the Committee's recommendation.

I fully concur that constructive dialog should occur among all relevant parties as soon as possible.

NSB/dm

c: President Andrew Sorenson  
Professor Margaret Garner