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**Subject: Acceptance of Collegiate Restructuring Recommendations**

On August 17, the Collegiate Restructuring Steering Committee (CRSC) submitted to me a comprehensive set of recommendations arising out of the work of many faculty and staff since last January. Four subcommittees—one each addressing the merger of the College of Engineering and the College of Applied Science, the merger of the College of Allied Health Sciences and the School of Social Work, the closure of the Center for Access and Transition, and the relationships between the Uptown and regional campuses—had tackled the sometimes thorny issues that we had committed to addressing as we move toward stronger alignment with the University System of Ohio. Each subcommittee's report as well as the CRSC recommendations are available on the CRSC website (<http://www.uc.edu/crsc>) for your review.

One subcommittee continues its work but expects to deliver its report to the CRSC by November. That report will address the current CAS programs in Sports Administration, Hospitality/Facilities Management, and Culinary Arts & Science. The CRSC will continue to meet periodically through this academic year to consider this final report and to monitor implementation of the recommendations.

Some work groups have already begun to work on implementing recommendations related to closure of the CAT. And the merger of CAS and COE was approved by the Board of Trustees last month.

Since mid-August, I have shared or discussed the recommendations with numerous constituencies across our community, including the Board of Trustees, the Faculty Senate, the Academic Coordinating Committee, the Academic Operations Committee, the SEM Policy Committee, the AAUP, and the Diversity Council. I have addressed the recommendations at several beginning-of-the year college meetings. I do believe that every informed person acknowledges that the process has been open, inclusive, fair, and observant of our contractual obligations.

I am writing to you to acknowledge and express appreciation for the valuable work of the CRSC and its subcommittees. At a later date, I will provide more complete praise for their work. I am also writing to inform you that I believe the CRSC recommendations provide UC an excellent and comprehensive framework for implementing meaningful collegiate restructuring that will result in greater institutional effectiveness and efficiency. As a consequence, we are now working to implement the recommendations. As you probably know, the charge to the CRSC had described a vision for a "one-university model" that would better unify the Uptown and regional campuses with one goal being the expansion of baccalaureate programs on the regional campuses. The CRSC has recommended that we pursue that goal not by administratively unifying faculties across campus boundaries but by unifying curricular decision-making, a process greatly advanced by the semester conversion initiative. Whether that will achieve our goal for regional baccalaureate programs remains to be seen, but I am confident in the University's resolve to achieve this outcome, an important goal for UC and for the USO.



Finally, I wish to express appreciation for the faculty and staff's engagement, patience, and forbearance through this process of exploration and change. I also wish to reiterate my pledge that the process will continue to be open, inclusive, fair, and compliant with the UC/AAUP contract.

