

February 13, 2009

CPEVC David Kliger
Chancellor's Office

Re: School of Education Proposal (Budget Request)

Dear Dave:

The Committee on Planning and Budget (CPB) has discussed the request submitted by the Department of Education for funds to support planning and writing of a full proposal for a School of Education. The request is very skeletal, offering no concrete outline of the participants, goals and stages of the proposal planning and writing that are envisioned. The committee would need the following information in order to make an informed recommendation on the funding request.

- Planning group and leadership: who is responsible for this proposal, and what faculty will participate in the planning, writing and delivery for and of the program? Has the department considered whether a new hire might provide the most effective leadership for shepherding the proposal through the approval process and then implementing it? How representative of the department as a whole is the planning group?
- What is the timeline and planned content for the activities that are to lead to the proposal? The departmental retreats that are mentioned need to be fleshed out. What are the goals for these workshops, and what is the overall plan of action?

It would also be helpful for the department to explicitly include on the agenda for the activities it plans for the workshops the following issues:

- CPB posed a series of substantive questions in our professional-school recommendations of May 29, 2008. We would like the department to take these questions into account as they move forward with their own planning. There is still no overarching response to the fundamental question of why a professional school is needed, beyond the enhanced capacity for writing and receiving large grants. CPB would like the department to address directly this issue in their budget request.
- How would a proposed School of Education fit with or contribute to campus efforts to develop the Silicon Valley Center?

We look forward to receiving a more informative request from the Department of Education.

Sincerely,



Susan Gillman, Chair
Committee on Planning and Budget