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**Major Unit Name:**

The School of Graduate, International and Sponsored Programs

**Propose Name Change to:**

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs

**Department of:****College of:****Signatures (as appropriate) needed: (sign and date below)****Department Chair (Unit Coordinator, Director, etc.):**

Date:

*Katie Mels*  
9/8/05

**College Dean:**

Date:

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SCHOOL OF GRADUATE, INTERNATIONAL, & SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Propose Name Change to:

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE, INTERNATIONAL, & INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Department of:

n.a.

College of:

n.a.

Signatures (as appropriate) needed: (sign and date below)

Department Chair (Unit Coordinator, Director, etc.):

n.a.

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*Juanita Place*

Date:

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## **Change in Academic Organization and Names: Affecting the School of Graduate, International and Sponsored Programs and Vice Provost for Academic Affairs**

**Preamble:** According to EM 76-15 and Title V, faculty and the Academic Senate advise the President on Changes in *Academic* Organization as part of their oversight of curriculum. This document proposes five changes in academic organization to the School of Graduate, International and Sponsored Programs and a change in its name. It also proposes six changes of academic oversight in the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. The accompanying document—**Changes in Organization and Names: Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Undergraduate Studies** is submitted for the purpose of discussion and clarification.

### PROPOSAL FOR SENATE APPROVAL

**Name Change:** The *School of Graduate, International and Sponsored Programs* (GISP) will change to *The School of Graduate, International and Interdisciplinary Studies* (GIIS).

#### **Academic Reorganization:**

Programs from Office of Vice Provost for Academic Affairs to GIIS

- Multicultural and Gender Studies
- Minor in Leadership Studies
- Special Majors
- Rural California Nursing Preceptorship Program
- Office of Experiential Education

Programs from Office of Vice Provost for Academic Affairs to College of Communication and Education

- Liberal Studies

#### **Rationale:**

In summer 2004 the former Dean of Graduate and International Programs resigned and an interim Dean was appointed. At the same time and due to the state budget crisis, the position of the Vice Provost of Academic Affairs was temporarily eliminated, necessitating moving programs for adequate oversight. The campus has benefited from the blend of international and interdisciplinary programs in GIIS. Formerly the academic area studies and interdisciplinary studies such as Multicultural and Gender Studies operated in isolation, with limited (if any) collaboration. Housing them within one academic unit allows more collaboration across programs, in a variety of arenas such as lectures, the Conversations on Diversity, and service-learning opportunities. Housing the minor in Leadership Studies in GIIS has promoted study abroad opportunities as part of leadership training.

Liberal Studies was initially moved from Academic Affairs to the College of Communication and Education under the budgetary reorganization that affected MCGS, Minor in Leadership Studies, and Special Majors. The move provides a closer connection and therefore more communication between the diverse faculty members who teach liberal studies to the credential program.

## INFORMATION ITEMS ONLY

The following changes do not require Academic Senate approval according to EM 76-15 because they do not affect the organization or delivery of curricula and programs. However, they are included for your information to understand better the administrative reorganization that is taking place.

### **Changes in Organization and Names: Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Undergraduate Studies.**

**Name Change:** From *Sponsored Programs* to *Office of Research and Sponsored Programs* headed by the *Vice Provost for Research*.

#### **Reorganization:**

- Oversight of Sponsored Programs from GISP to an independent unit—*Office of Research and Sponsored Programs*—under Academic Affairs.
- Oversight of Human Subjects and Animal Care and Welfare Committees to GIIS.

**Rationale:** 1) The campus will benefit from the full-time leadership of a Vice Provost for Research who will position the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs to better serve faculty and staff in order to advance the university's research agenda. 2) Oversight of Human Subjects and Animal Care and Welfare Committees is currently supported through the staff and database of GIIS. Also, the vast majority of the Human Subject requests are by graduate students. Individuals working in this area have been consulted and find the arrangement workable.

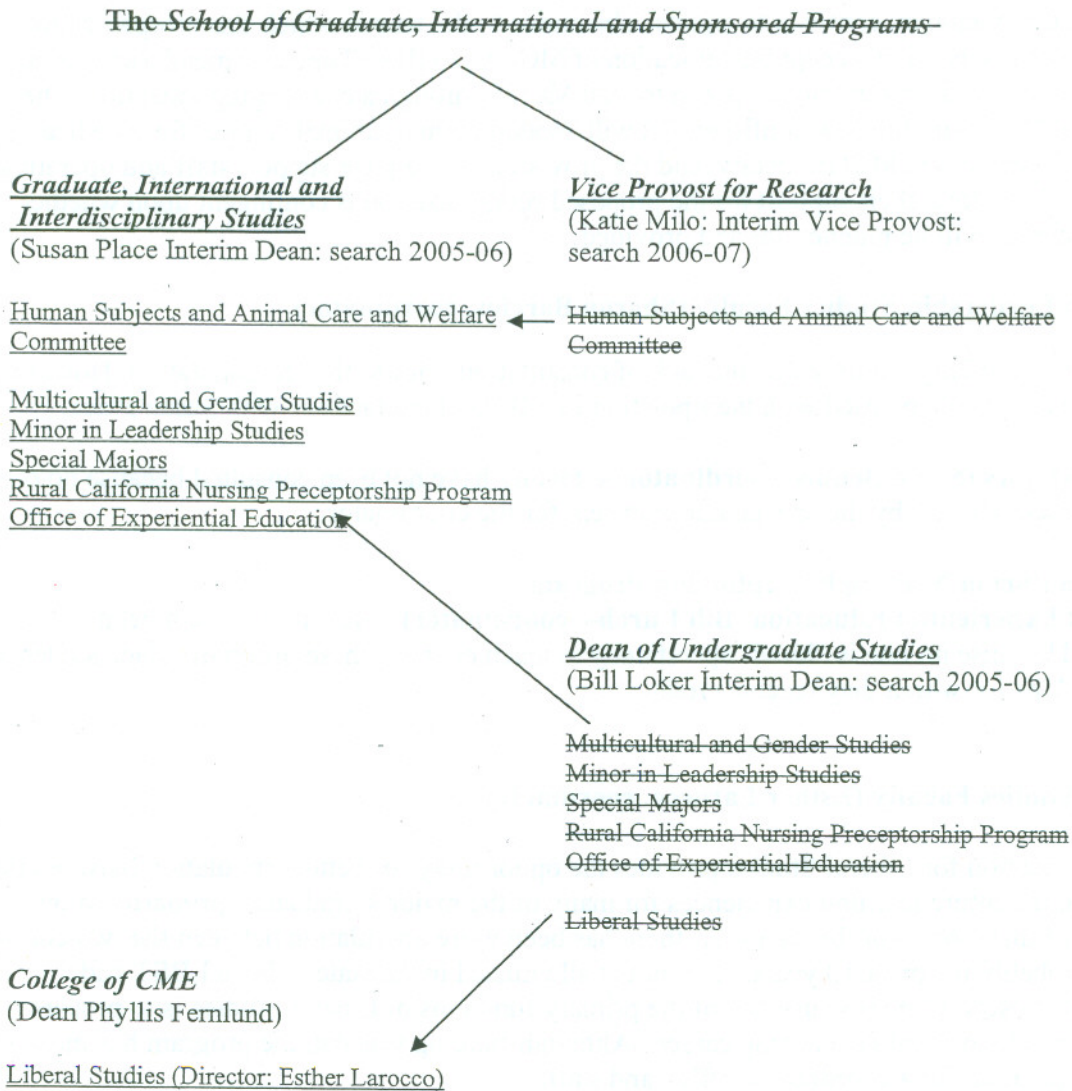
**Name Change:** From *Vice Provost of Academic Affairs and Dean of Undergraduate Education* to *Dean of Undergraduate Studies*.

#### **Organization:**

The Dean of Undergraduate Studies will continue to oversee the quality of all undergraduate studies, including work with GEAC, Academic Senate, the Council of Academic Deans. Oversight of First Year Experience, University Life (101), Honors, FGST (Freshman General Studies Thematic) will also remain under the purview of this administrative unit.

**Rationale:** The increased focus of this position benefits the university through its concentration on effective and challenging undergraduate education.

Appendix A: Reorganization Flow Chart



## **Appendix B: Consultation with Affected Faculty and Students:**

### **MCGS Faculty (Tracy Butts, coordinator)**

While faculty members continue to register objections to the way in which this reorganization has been conducted, they accept the relocation of MCGS to GIIS. They commend Susan Place for the extraordinary effort she has put in to lead MCGS through a challenging transition. The success of MCGS in this new configuration will depend on institutional support for a dedicated director chosen by the MCGS faculty, and the provision of adequate support staff and operating expenses. Therefore, their support for the proposed reorganization is contingent upon whether these resources will be planned for and provided.

### **Minor in Leadership Studies Faculty (Sharon Barrios, coordinator)**

Faculty were initially disturbed by the lack of consultation prior to the reorganization. However, they have been quite pleased with their position in GIIS and interactions with Susan Place.

**Special Majors (Steve Dennis, coordinator)**—faculty have not been consulted because no one is “hired” specifically by the special major except for the coordinator.

### **Rural California Nursing Preceptorship Program**

**Office of Experiential Education (Bill Lurch—coordinator)** —faculty have not been consulted because no one is “hired” specifically to teach courses; these programs place students in internships for which they receive credit.

### **Liberal Studies Faculty (Esther Larocco, coordinator)**

The new location for Liberal Studies provides the opportunity for better articulation between the major and the future learning experiences for many of the major’s graduates, primarily in the School of Education. For this last year, there has been more articulation between the two entities than in probably the prior 10 years. It is not at all unusual in the state to have LBST and Education closely allied because one of the primary functions of Liberal Studies is to prepare those who will enter into a teaching career. Although funding was cut, the program has managed to fund a position for a coordinator, office and staff.

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