

APPENDIX L

Request to Configure a New College at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte seeks approval of their plan to establish a new College of Arts and Architecture. The college will include the current College of Architecture (reconfigured as a school in the new college) and the departments of Art and Art History, Music, and Dance and Theatre.

The arrival at this proposal was preceded by extensive collaboration on and off campus. The proposal has the unanimous support of the community arts leaders, the faculty of the four units, the College of Architecture Advisory Board, and the UNC Charlotte Faculty Council. It also fits with the UNC Tomorrow's focus on the arts, creativity, and the promotion of the arts and cultural enrichment in all regions of the state.

A supporting letter is provided by Provost Joan Lorden of UNCC.

General Administration recommends that the Educational Planning Committee recommend approval for establishing the new College of Arts and Architecture.



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February 4, 2008

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Dear Dr. Martin:

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Trustees at its January 31, 2008, meeting unanimously approved a reconfiguration of several departments to create a College of Arts and Architecture at UNC Charlotte, effective July 1, 2008. The College brings together the talent and strengths of the current College of Architecture and the Departments of Art and Art History, Music, and Dance and Theatre, currently in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Architecture will become the School of Architecture within the new College.

The new entity presents increased opportunities for our students and expands the capacity of our institution to respond to and lead our region's arts and architectural communities. Creating this new college is a necessary step if UNC Charlotte is to fulfill its mission as a comprehensive public research university fully engaged in the life of the community it serves. As articulated in the Final Report of the UNC Tomorrow Commission, our institutions are called upon to "improve student proficiency.....in creativity and innovation," to "...reward the role of the humanities and arts education," and to fulfill a major goal [4.4.4], "UNC should promote the arts and cultural enrichment in all regions of the state."

The proposal to establish a new College of Arts and Architecture was the result of deliberations of community leaders, faculty, students, and staff over the past two years. It had unanimous support from the community arts leaders, faculty of the four units, the College of Architecture Advisory Board, and the UNC Charlotte Faculty Council. A College dedicated to these disciplines and their creative development will serve our students by increasing the visibility of these disciplines in the life of the University, creating a coherent administrative structure, and facilitating interdisciplinary collaboration in scholarship, instruction, and performance within the University and externally. Our new Center City Building under construction will house the "Charlotte

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Community Design Studio” and have gallery space dedicated to the presentation of arts projects in the community. This new facility will be located in the heart of Charlotte’s cultural institutions and will give the new College a launching pad to more closely connect academic programs in the arts to community institutions, including the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Please let me know if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan", with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor

cc: President Bowles
Chancellor Dubois