

MEMORANDUM

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After further review of the final report and recommendations from the Task Force on How Better to Integrate Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, I am asking you to serve on an ad hoc committee to be called the Academic and Student Affairs Collaboration Ad Hoc Committee.

The report from the task force concluded that there are many ways in which we might better integrate Academic Affairs and Student Affairs to enhance student learning. I would like to request your committee to develop a pilot project to help the university evaluate the best practices for further collaboration between these areas and what steps should be taken to accomplish that goal. The pilot project suggested by your co-chairs will focus on integrating the work of the Honors Program with the activities in the new Honors residence hall to build an exemplary living and learning community. Keeping with the task force recommendation of "starting small," the Honors project and assessment of other existing collaborative practices could lead to other campus initiatives.

Thank you for your willingness to serve, and I look forward to receiving your final report in due course.

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