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RE: Annual report of APC activities for 2010-2011 academic year

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It is my pleasure to provide this summary of the activities of the Academic Programs Committee for the 2010-2011 academic year. The members of the committee were:

Stuart Benjamin (School of Law)
Rey Chow (Program in Literature)
Doriane Coleman (School of Law)
Roberto Dainotto (Romance Studies)
Xinnian Dong (Biology)
Elizabeth Frankenberg (Sanford School of Public Policy)
Scott Huettel (Psychology & Neuroscience)
Andrew Janiak (Philosophy)
Carl Mela (Fuqua School of Business)
Hans Van Miegroet (Art, Art History & Visual Studies)
Berndt Mueller (Physics)
Suzanne Shanahan (Sociology and the Kenan Institute)
Keith Whitfield (Psychology & Neuroscience)
Mark Wiesner (Civil Engineering)
John York (Pharmacology & Cancer Biology)

I will be rotating off Academic Programs Committee this year, along with three other committee members: Doriane Coleman, Roberto Dainotto, and Hans Van Miegroet. This has been a particularly labor-intensive year for the committee, and I would like to thank all the members for their time and their thoughtful attention to the many issues that we considered.

The committee completed reviews for the following programs and departments:

- Department of Statistical Sciences
- Department of Computer Science
- Department of Neurobiology (the resolution is now pending and should be complete in a week or two)
- Department of Philosophy
- Abu Dhabi Council for Economic Development (ADCED) Program, Fuqua School of Business (action suspended)

- Program in Graduate Liberal Studies

The departments and programs whose external reviews are currently underway include:

- Masters of Knowledge Networks
- Department of Biomedical Engineering
- Department of Pathology
- Department of Art, Art History, and Visual Studies
- Department of Cellular Biology
- Department of German
- Department of Biology
- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

The committee reviewed and approved new programs for:

- Masters of Management Studies, Fuqua School of Business
- Appointment of Professors of the Practice in Medical Education in the Medical School

Other activities of APC included discussions of the following:

- Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Summer Salary Policy
- The process for external reviews of interdisciplinary institutes and departments
- Humanities Strategic Plan
- Franklin Humanities Institute
- Phase II Faculty Database
- E-learning Roadmap
- Academic Analytics
- Computational Initiative
- The University's financial status, as it affects programs.
- Problem-Focused Interdisciplinary Research-Scholarship Teams proposals

Thank you for the opportunity to report on our activities. We are grateful for your support and look forward to continuing productive collaboration in the coming year. As always, we welcome comments and suggestions from ECAC and the Academic Council regarding how APC can best represent faculty in these review and consultative processes.