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Dear College Community,

I want to inform you that after much thought and consultation with many of you, I have decided to bring together two of our academic departments—Educational Policy and Administration (EdPA) and Work and Human Resource Education (WHRE). The intent is to provide an opportunity to both deepen and build on the assets of each.

Over the past weeks I have met with the faculty in both of these departments to begin this process. By the time you receive this email, I am certain that Department Chairs Darwin Hendel and Ken Bartlett will have met with their respective staff colleagues and be available to our students, as well.

I have asked Professor Karen Seashore and Ken Bartlett to co-chair a small task force to focus on Phase I of this important work. Senior Associate Dean Jean Quam will be serving as an ex officio member. This group, which includes faculty from both WHRE and EdPA, is beginning to meet with the goal of providing me with a series of recommendations that will first be shared with these two departments and then be shared more widely to help determine future decisions about the specifics of this new department.

Depending on the extent of the outcome of the first phase which is targeted to be done by the end of May, I would anticipate that Phase II of this work will include faculty from other departments in our College. This work will be to explore and recommend any programs that should over time be phased out or further consolidated and to advise if any programs currently in WHRE or EdPA would be better served by being transferred to other College departments.

While I understand that changes such as these elicit questions and uncertainties, I am confident that our College will be even more productive and effective as a result of this work. As always I thank you in advance for offering your support to our faculty, staff, and students who are most directly impacted by this process as our Task Force undertakes this new endeavor for us all.

Best regards,

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