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TO: APC

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RE: Proposed definition of a School and a Department

School:

a. An academic unit that is centered around one basic discipline (Education, Agriculture, Business) which is commonly recognized as a grouping in academia.
b. The academic unit offers multiple distinct majors connected to the discipline
c. The director of a school may be selected from within by the faculty of the school with backfill for the position or an external candidate may be hired if funding exists and the FTE is approved. Rate of compensation for a director can vary, UW System has no prescribed amount as directors are Pay Category C. Directors do serve on Chancellor’s Cabinet.
d. Coordinators or head faculty are designated for each program, but release time is not a requirement
e. Distinct majors may have paid coordinator/lead faculty positions if funding/position is available
f. There is one SRB for the unit
g. There are generally more than 750 majors within the school
   i. School of Ag has a total of approx. 800 majors in its 6 majors
   ii. School of Ed has a total of approx. 1000 majors in its 3 majors
   iii. Business has approx. 1200 majors in its 6 majors
h. The School has a constitution consisting of the following parts (current UW-Platteville schools have these sections)
   i. School Name
   ii. Mission
   iii. Membership
   iv. Meetings & voting rights
   v. Powers
   vi. Amendments
   vii. Ratification

Department:

a. An academic unit that is centered around one basic discipline (Humanities, Mathematics, Media Studies) which is commonly recognized in academia
b. The academic unit offers few or only one distinct major connected to the discipline
c. The chair of a department is selected from within by the faculty of the department with backfill for the position, the percentage of appointment varies by department. Department chairs are currently paid a stipend of $3000/academic year for a 50% release with $5000 for a full-time summer appointment.
d. Coordinators or head faculty are designated for each major, but release time is not a requirement
e. Distinct majors may have paid coordinator/lead faculty positions if funding/position is available
f. There is one DRB for the unit
g. There are generally fewer than 750 majors within the department