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The Social Sciences Department has requested that it be allowed to split into three separate departments: Geography/Geology, History, and Social Sciences (composed of Economics, Political Science, and Sociology). The programs experience themselves as very different intellectually, and in addition, the department has become far too large to be reasonably manageable. As a result of these factors, I support the request to split into smaller units. Department representatives met with me today to discuss financial repercussions and FTE allotment. In short, there are no financial repercussions and FTE is fairly distributed. Arrangements have already been made for appropriate classified staff coverage as well, and those people are already on the job.

The budgets for the new separate departments are being allocated, and there will be no additional funds needed to support three departments. Work is progressing on separating the DRB process and with hope that work will be completed by the end of the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Education approves the separation of the Social Sciences Department into three separate departments: Geology/Geography, History, and Social Sciences (Economics, Political Science, and Sociology).

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