

October 1, 2013

TRACY LARRABEE
Chair, Committee on Educational Policy

Dear Tracy:

Re: UCSC Challenge Program in the Colleges

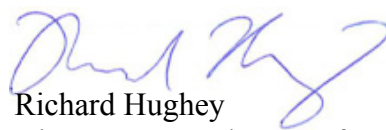
I am delighted to provide to the Committee on Educational Policy the proposed structure for a new *UCSC Challenge Program at Kresge, Merrill and Stevenson*, which is planned to launch in Spring 2014 based on applications received in Winter 2014. The documents are available at <http://www.ue.ucsc.edu/challenge2013>.

The pilot year will stretch from Spring 2014 to Spring 2015, bridging the first to second year transition in an effort to better engage students with the possibilities and potentials of our transformative student experience.

As discussed in the related funding allocation, I commit to funding many aspects of this first year, and over the long run see this as a joint effort that may grow to include more colleges. College Provosts Poblete, Abrams, and Yang will be soon submitting course approvals for associated new courses, which of course will go through the standard course approval process.

At this point in time, I seek the Committee's approval of the proposed framework for the UCSC Challenge Program in the Colleges.

Thank you,



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Vice Provost and Dean of
Undergraduate Education

cc: Kresge Provost Poblete
Merrill Provost Abrams
Stevenson Provost Yang