Report of the University College and General Education Committee: Special Programs for Talent Development

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TO: President Frank Newman

FROM: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Report of the University College and General Education Committee: Special Programs for Talent Development is forwarded for your consideration.

2. The original and two copies for your use are included.

3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on May 5, 1977 (date).

4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Regents, completing the appropriate endorsement below.

5. In accordance with Section 8, paragraph 2 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on May 26, 1977 (date), three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Regents for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Regents, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

May 6, 1977 (date)  
Daniel P. Bergen  
Chairman of the Faculty Senate

ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

1. Returned.

2. Approved ________  Disapproved ________.

3. (If approved) In my opinion, transmittal to the Board of Regents is not necessary.

June 8, 1977 (date)  
Frank Newman  
President

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ALTERNATE ENDORSEMENT 1.

TO: Chairman of the Board of Regents
FROM: The University President
1. Forwarded.
2. Approved.

(date)

President

ENDORSEMENT 2.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: Chairman of the Board of Regents, via the University President.
1. Forwarded.

(date)

(Office)

ENDORSEMENT 3.

TO: Chairman of the Faculty Senate
FROM: The University President
1. Forwarded from the Chairman of the Board of Regents.

(date)

President

Original received and forwarded to the Secretary of the Senate and Registrar for filing in the Archives of the University.

(date)

Chairman of the Faculty Senate
In accordance with section 4.65 of the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate, the University College and General Education Committee recommends that the administrative responsibility for the Special Programs for Talent Development be transferred to the Dean of University College.

The committee conversed with A. L. Hardge, Director of the Special Program for Talent Development and met with Assistant Dean A. D. Gross of University College.

As a result of these deliberations, the committee felt that the new organizational plan had a very good chance of being productive and that the Special Programs for Talent Development would not suffer on being less directly connected with the Vice President's Office.

The transfer was recommended by the Budget Task Force and Vice President Ferrante and has the approval of President Newman.

Vice President Ferrante has given the following reasons for effecting the change:

1) An affiliation with University College would ally the Special Programs for Talent Development with the principal academic advising and counseling unit on this campus, University College, which has the prime responsibility for student academic planning and development within the first two years. Except for the special objectives of SPTD the objectives of University College and SPTD are essentially the same.

2) SPTD could be located in the same general area physically with University College; therefore, it would be easier to effect interaction between the two groups and it would be much easier than is now possible for SPTD to take advantage of and to use the extensive resources of University College, especially the large cadre of interested and qualified counselors for all University programs.

3) We should move toward effecting some of the recommendations which have been made for SPTD relating to encouraging students to seek more independence from SPTD early and at appropriate times in their University career. Since this is also an objective of the University College, the influence of the University College environment on SPTD would be beneficial.
4) The transfer of the administrative responsibility to University College would ensure that SPTD would continue to be affiliated with an academic unit.

5) The transfer of the administrative responsibility to University College would ensure that the Special Programs for Talent Development would receive the continual attention and interest of a principal University academic administrator which it deserves and which it is not now possible to effect because of the large number of units for which the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs is responsible. The Dean, as a member of the Council of Deans, will represent the interests of SPTD in the Council.

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