

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

MAY 2016

Academic Programs did not meet in April 2016 but did provide a secondary review of a proposal to establish a Center for Instructional & Behavioral Research in Schools. The comments/questions listed below were conveyed to the Planning and Budget Committee.

- 1) The arrangement to provide RIF to the Center is not clear. The Dean's letter states that "a significant portion" of RIF will be returned to the Center. This should be stated more specifically. Also, the text suggests that the Center will collect RIF that is now distributed to various Departments. What agreement is in place to ensure this?
- 2) In the budget, explain the reduction in Faculty salaries in FY2019 when the number of Faculty associated with the Center remains constant.
- 3) If a main goal of the Center is to increase research, then objective "2d" in the assessment section seems quite conservative. Research income is currently close or equal to this 3rd year goal, which doesn't indicate that much additional growth in research will occur in the first 3 years.

Respectfully Submitted,

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