

Dear Rob, Marysia:

I am writing to request that the seven College of Arts and Sciences Residential Academic Programs (RAPs), considered together as an academic unit, be represented on the Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate (ASFS).

Because the RAPs do not offer a major, minor, or certificate, we do not qualify automatically for membership in the ASFS. However, the seven A&S RAPs together have several dozen instructors rostered with us, and provide instruction every semester to roughly two thousand First Year students, the vast majority of them in Arts and Sciences. Through these classes, and through RAP personnel's active engagement in a wide variety of educational initiatives and service activities around campus, the RAPs play a vital role in A&S student success.

We therefore petition for membership in the ASFS. We would further like to request that this membership remain in force for a period of seven years, after which we will reapply.

Please let me know if you have questions, or if I may be of assistance.

Best,

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Dear Rob,

I am writing to request that the Honors Program be considered for membership in the newly constituted Arts and Science Faculty Senate. Although Honors does not offer a major, minor or certificate (a criteria for representation), we have eight rostered faculty whose academic life is informed by faculty governance and who therefore historically have been allocated a voting membership on the Arts and Science Council. In addition, we are one of a handful of programs in the College that offers an interdisciplinary curriculum both at the lower and upper division levels. Accordingly, Honors is impacted by the Senate's responsibility for course approval and curriculum development. Because curriculum development is of particular importance to the Honors Program, our representative has frequently served on this subcommittee of the ASC and, with the successful approval of this petition, will continue to do so on the Senate. Finally, as the largest unit in the College that is devoted to undergraduate research, Honors holds a special place in faculty governance for the oversight and implementation of undergraduate research-based initiatives. Given the important role that Honors plays in undergraduate research and education, I respectfully request that Honors be given a position on the Senate for a seven-year period at which time the program's membership on the Senate will be reviewed.

Sincerely,
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