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Recommendation to Move the Department of Academic Computing to a New Division
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In June 2008 I presented the Technology Coordinating Committee (TCC) with two recommendations regarding the Department of Academic Computing. I recommended moving the reporting function of the Student Academic Computer Centers (SACC) from the Department of Academic Computing to the Learning Lab Department and I recommended changing the Academic Computing Department from an academic department to an administrative unit that would report to a new Division of Flexible Learning Options and Academic Technology (FLOAT). These recommendations were based on a review of the roles and responsibilities of the units involved; a review of jobs in higher education; and conversations with individuals in the College and particularly with members of the Academic Computing Department and with the Department Head of the Learning Lab.

I also explained to the TCC that any changes needed to be made by the start of the academic year because of the many systems changes that were necessary and because a new dean was starting at the end of the summer and I wanted her to have a clear set of responsibilities. The TCC did not act on the recommendations.

At the start of the 2008-2009 academic year, I created the fiscal and organizational structure for the FLOAT Division. On a “pilot” basis I moved responsibility for Academic Computing to the new division. I explained this change to the faculty in the department. As was the case last year, the Academic Computing Department reports to Dr. Sharon Thompson who is assuming responsibility for the FLOAT Division. To clarify changes that have been made or proposed, I am including an appendix that shows the Library and units that were formerly part of Educational Support Services.

While I still believe that the original recommendations are sound, I am currently only requesting review of the move of the Academic Computing Department to the FLOAT Division. After your review and comments, please send my recommendation to the Institution Wide Committee.

Thank you.

Appendix A

Division of Educational Support Services

Primary Mission: Support for student academic success.

Units:

Academic Appeals	Developmental Education
Act Now	Dual Admissions
Advising	ESL
Assessment Center	Learning Lab
CAP	Library
Center on Disability	TRIO SSS
CLC	

Division of Adult & Community Education

Primary Mission: Support education through outreach and community partnerships.

Units:

Adult Literacy Programs	KEYS
ACE	Lifelong Learning
AIC	New Choices/New Options
Advance at College	Tech Prep
Advanced Tech at College	TRIO Upward Bound
Gateway to College	

Division of Flexible Learning Options and Academic Technology

Primary Mission: Enhance education through technology and creative expansion of learning opportunities.

Units:

Academic Computing	Audiovisual Services
Distance Education	Regional Centers & Neighborhood sites
Weekend College	

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