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To: Albert Sbragia
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From: Gerald J. Baldasty, Vice Provost and Dean
James S. Antony, Associate Vice Provost and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

RE: Division of French & Italian Studies Interim Report

We write in response to the 5-year interim report submitted to the Graduate School by the Division of French & Italian Studies on January 29, 2011. This interim report was requested as part of the final recommendations from the unit's academic program review in 2005-2006. The Graduate School Council reviewed and discussed the interim report at its meeting on May 19, 2011.

The Graduate School Council expressed appreciation for the unit's clear response to each of the six points raised in the original recommendation letter from 2006. French & Italian Studies has clearly made progress on each of these points over the past five years, and the Council encourages the unit to continue its focus on each of them leading up to its next academic program review in 2015-2016. Specifically, the Council asks that French & Italian Studies articulate a written plan for each of the following areas as part of the 2015-2016 program review documentation: student mentoring, faculty mentoring, and program diversity. Alternately, if the unit feels a formal plan in any of these areas is not appropriate, the reasons for this should be articulated as part of the program review documentation.

We concur with the Council's comments and recommendations.

cc: Ana Mari Cauce, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
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