TO: Sam Gingerich  
System Vice President for Academic Affairs

FROM: Laurie Stenberg Nichols  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

DATE: April 10, 2012

SUBJECT: New prefix/department request for SDSU: HPPR

The purpose of this memo is to recommend the reorganization of the departments of History and Political Science and the department of Philosophy and Religion. Additionally, these departments request authorization to create a single department of History, Political Science, Philosophy and Religion, and use the prefix SHP/PR.

Historically these two departments have focused on preparing students for civic and professional engagement through curriculum with similar goals. Students in History, Political Science, Philosophy and Religion develop awareness and understanding of current and historical events; address the nature of life, knowledge, morality; engage in critical thinking and reading; and have the opportunity to master written and verbal communication in the context of their chosen discipline. Under the new title, the HPPR departmental faculty in turn, will continue to contribute to the student’s intellectual growth and occupational pursuits with a joint focus and consolidated resources that allow them to be nationally distinctive and locally relevant.

Approval of the new prefix and department codes will be immediately followed with requests to address additional requirements from the code changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

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Provost and Vice President

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