Martha,

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed administrative reorganization plan. This topic was discussed by the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Executive Committee at its regularly scheduled meeting on June 11, 2004. Considerable discussion of the topic occurred at that time, with committee members raising questions about various aspects of the proposed plan, including the following:

- How would the plan enhance academic quality?
- How would the plan affect interdisciplinarity?
- How would Graduate Studies function in this model?
- The plan needs more discussion and faculty input.
- The need for the plan is not clear.

After this discussion, the following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of those members present:

*Be it resolved by the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Executive Committee on June 11, 2004, that before any reorganization of the administrative structure of UMKC takes place, full discussion of the need for and implications of any proposed changes on academic programs and missions of the University, including the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program, takes place during the regular academic year and a clear consensus of the faculty is reached.*

The committee offers this resolution in the spirit of constructive dialogue on this topic. The committee hopes that this resolution will promote further discussion.

Ron