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Dear David and CAP colleagues,

Thank you for CAP's Addendum to the Annual Report to the Faculty for AY2015-2016, dated May 19, 2016. This letter constitutes my formal response to your addendum.

I appreciate the process CAP established last year to seek proposals for two new faculty positions, one that would further internationalize the curriculum and a second in STEM. As CAP notes in its addendum, these new positions represent important opportunities for the College. In its deliberations, CAP is thinking strategically and asking important questions. I look forward to working with CAP and the Faculty to continue to define these new positions.

The broader reflection in which CAP is engaged is something I support. CAP has raised significant questions about the state of interdisciplinary programs and the extent to which the Faculty should be more proactive in shaping the composition of the Faculty and curriculum; both of these topics merit our continued consideration in the coming year.

I look forward to my ongoing collaboration with CAP to address these important questions.

With best wishes,

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