

March 17, 2013

Karl Engelbach
Associate Chancellor

Dear Karl:

Per your recent request for academic plans, I am providing three items for the College of Biological Sciences.

First, I have developed a vision statement effective beginning in 2012-13. While I have not yet had the opportunity to discuss this statement with the CBS department chairs and Executive Committee, I think it is important that you have it.

Vision statement from Dean James E.K. Hildreth, for 2012-13 and beyond:

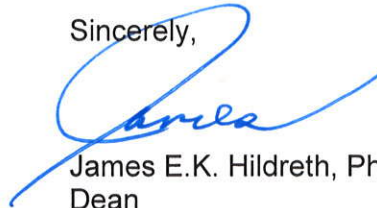
The UC Davis College of Biological Sciences will take its place at the forefront of scientific innovation and discovery. With the highest standards of excellence in teaching, research, and community involvement, we will forge interdisciplinary partnerships that will transform the discoveries made through the dedicated study of basic biology into applied solutions to global challenges.

Second, attached is the official current academic plan for the college, called "Academic Plan for 2009-14: Sustaining Excellence in the Biological Sciences". It was developed with major input from CBS faculty. You may also find it on the CBS web site, under "The College" tab then the "About Us" tab.

Third, attached is the February 4, 2011 report of the College of Biological Sciences Vision Committee, called "Enabling and Coordinating Interdisciplinary Biology Research: 2011 and Beyond". The CBS Vision Committee was a special committee established jointly by the CBS department chairs and the CBS Executive Committee during the 2011 Dean search. (I was appointed as Dean six months later, on August 1, 2011.) While not an official academic plan, it builds upon the 2009-14 academic plan. Specifically, it provides important information on the concept of "New Biology", which seeks to integrate biology research across all levels of biological diversity and with other schools, colleges and divisions. You may also find it on the CBS Web site, using the two steps listed above, then "College Governance" then "Executive Committee" then "CBS Vision Statement".

Please let me know if you have questions.

Sincerely,



James E.K. Hildreth, Ph.D., M.D.
Dean

Attachments

C: Executive Associate Dean Erickson
Executive Assistant Hubbard
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