

March 15, 2005

Dr. Arnett Mace
Senior Vice President for Academic
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203 Administration Building
CAMPUS 1651

Dear Dr. Mace,

I write to request the formal dissolution of two academic units overseen in the past by the Office of the Vice President for Research. The Center for Biological Resource Recovery and the Institute for Natural Products Research are no longer active.

I have enclosed a letter from Lars Ljungdahl, director of the first center about its closure in connection with his retirement. The second enclosed letter offers my own explanation for closing the second center.

Although both units served a useful function in their day, they have no current faculty participants. Dissolution will have no impacts on students, faculty, or academic budgets and the previously occupied space has been reallocated for current needs. The Office of the Vice President for Research will take responsibility for requesting removal of references to the units in current listings, websites, and other forms of publication.

Sincerely,

Gordhan L Patel

Vice President for Research and Associate Provost

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Enclosures



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I write to request the formal dissolution of an academic unit overseen in the past by the Office of the Vice President for Research. The Institute for Natural Products Research is no longer active.

"Academic Affairs Policy Statement 8" outlines the procedures for dissolution of academic units. Our request would apparently fall under Section 3 (b) "Involuntary Dissolution" because there are no longer any participants in the programs to voluntarily request dissolution. I would suggest that the step in the policy involving committee review of the unit with response from the directors would be unnecessary in this case. Perhaps this request could be forwarded directly to the Curriculum Committee with the following explanation.

Although the Institute for Natural Products Research served a useful function in its day, it currently has neither a director nor faculty participants. The original founder and director of this Institute, the late Dr. William Pelletier, retired in June 2000. Dissolution of the Institute will have no impacts on students, faculty or academic budgets. The previously occupied space has been reallocated for current needs of the Chemistry Department. This request is put forward as a matter of administrative housekeeping.

Sincerely.

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