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RE: Economics Academic Program Reviews

Dear Dr. Jasek-Rysdahl and Dr. Kim:

Thank you for joining me to discuss the Academic Program Review for the Economics program. It was a pleasure to read your thoughtful and comprehensive self-study and to talk with you about the future of Economics program.

I commend you and your department colleagues for your important contributions across the undergraduate and graduate curriculum, including service to other programs such as the MPA. I appreciate the program's efforts to assess and support student achievement.

During our APR meeting, I was interested to learn more about the potential of pursuing a BS in in Economics that would prepare the Economics students interested in pursuing graduate school and support the program's efforts to move ahead on this front. We acknowledge the retirement of long-time professor, Dr. Ed Erickson, and the need for a TT Economics hire with a specialization in Macro Economics. I was also interested in discussing possible options for the Stockton campus, including alignment with the focus on social sciences with an urban concentration.

The result of this Academic Program Review is that your program is approved for continuance with unqualified support. I encourage you to continue to assess program and learning outcomes in ways that will help make meaningful improvements for students, and appreciate your continued focus on student achievement.

Again, I extend my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and discuss your self-study and implementation plan. I look forward to working with you in the future and supporting your vision for Economics at Stan State.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Greer Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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