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To: Kate Burns, Chair, Human Development

From: Greg Davis, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Re: Provost's Recommendations on Human Development Program Review

Note: Due to significant turnover in the Provost's office as well as significant budgetary and organizational challenges, this memo was delayed. It responds to the Program Review submitted by Human Development in 2014, and represents an effort to correct a significant oversight.

I am impressed with the Human Development program, faculty, and students. The Department of Human Development has long been a bedrock of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and it represents well the interdisciplinary mission of the University. Since its last review, it has grown to become a top tier program in terms of its reach in the community, in terms of the research and scholarship of the faculty, and in terms of teaching. I commend and congratulate the faculty on their achievements and especially for the way that they assess and nurture the program's curriculum.

## **Program Strengths:**

- The faculty have been extremely productive over the last several years as indicated by the dramatic increase in the number of publications.
- The faculty are well integrated not only into the local community but also into the larger national professional societies.
- The faculty have won significant grants that are poised to make tremendous impacts on campus.
- The program's assessment plan is smartly constructed and one of the best on campus.

## **Needs and Suggestions for Improvement:**

- I am pleased with the program's assessment plan and the faculty's commitment to gathering data.
- I would like the program faculty to consider thinking about three issues: continuing to improve the advising structure for HUD students, moving a version of HUD to an online format, and considering the development of a graduate program.