To: Steve Allred, Provost
From: Peter LeViness, Director, CAPS
Date: April 28, 2010
Subject: Revised Proposed Changes to Academic Disability Accommodations Committee (ADAC)

I propose adding the professional evaluator on the Student Health Center staff as a regular member of ADAC. Currently, a Dr. Alene Waller serves as the professional evaluator for students with physical disabilities, analogous to the role that Dr. Mary Churchill plays for students with attention deficit disorders, learning disabilities, and psychiatric disabilities. Although the majority of UR students with disabilities fall under Dr. Churchill’s purview, about 10% fall under Dr. Waller’s purview. I think it was just an oversight not to include the professional evaluator from the Student Health Center when ADAC was originally formed. Adding Dr. Waller to the ADAC membership would correct this omission.

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The ADAC will advise Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) on questions involving requests for academic accommodations or waivers for those students with demonstrated disabilities (e.g., learning disabilities) which directly impact academic performance. The committee and CAPS will work to develop accommodation policies in accordance with current law and in support of the mission of the institution. The committee will meet as required, with the convener and chair being the Director of CAPS.

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The Academic Disabilities Accommodation Committee (ADAC) is composed of the Deans of Richmond and Westhampton Colleges; the Deans of the Law, Leadership Studies, Continuing Studies and Business schools (or their delegate); the chairs of the Classical Studies, Mathematics & Computer Science, Modern Literatures & Cultures, and Latin American & Iberian Studies departments; the University Registrar (or delegate); the Dean of Admission (or delegate); the professional evaluator on the CAPS staff as designated by the Director of CAPS; and the Director of CAPS, who shall serve as Chair.

Proposed Charge of ADAC (change in red):
The ADAC will advise Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) and the Student Health Center (SHC) on questions involving requests for academic accommodations or waivers for those students with demonstrated disabilities (e.g., learning disabilities) which directly impact academic performance. The committee, CAPS, and SHC will work to develop accommodation policies in accordance with current law and in support of the mission of the institution. The committee will meet as required, with the convener and chair being the Director of CAPS.

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cc: Steve Bisese, VP for Student Development