

March 27, 2006

MEMORANDUM

To: Virinder K. Moudgil
Provost and Vice President for
Academic Affairs

Tamara Machmut-Jhashi
Secretary to the University Senate

From: Susan Awbrey
Chair of UCUI

Re: UCUI Report on POM Proposal

After review of the proposal from the School of Business Administration for a B.S. in Production Operations Management (POM) and after discussion of the proposal with the department chair, Thomas Lauer, and potential faculty member in the new program, T.J. Wharton, the **University Committee on Undergraduate Instruction has voted to approve the proposal pending the following changes as discussed with the SBA representatives:**

- a. A formal letter from the School of Engineering and Computer Science will accompany the proposal to show that SECS agrees to provide elective courses for the program
- b. Results of a student survey that indicates interest in the program will be included in the proposal
- c. While maintaining focus on the automotive industry, the introductory part of the proposal will include references to other sectors of business and industry (such as health care) for which POM is important
- d. The introduction will be strengthened by discussing that, although OM has been around for several years, the impact of globalization makes this program even more important
- e. The statement that students will be drawn from competitor's programs will be deleted and there will be discussion of the number of students in the SBA OM minor and the proposal will identify new pools of students from which OU will draw

- f. Courses in the program having substantial lean content will be identified as such
- g. The impact of the program on other programs in SBA will be discussed, even if just to say there will be little to none and the reason for this.
- h. A proforma budget will be attached
- i. A letter from the library will be included and the increase of library resources request to \$5000 per year for three years will be shown in the proposal
- j. The course listing will be revised to identify courses needed for new general education
- k. Graduate courses will be at the 500 level and will be cross-listed with 400 level course numbers. No courses in the new undergraduate program will carry a 500 level number alone
- l. The proposal will increase its projected number of students for the program to more than 5