Action Taken:
This issue was initiated by the Cultural Democracy Steering Committee regarding the creation of an official structure for the Cultural Democracy Initiative. This issue was vetted with the college community with mixed results. While each constituent group supported the concept of Cultural Democracy, there were concerns about the specific structure proposed in the campus issue form. In May 2007, Executive Council agreed to wait for Gerri Scott's sabbatical report, which included a review of the literature, before deciding on a possible structure for the Cultural Democracy Initiative.

With the implementation of the new strategic planning framework in fall 2007, the college created a new type of plan called “Program Plan.” After discussing with the Cultural Democracy Steering Committee, Interim President Debbie Travis proposed to the CD Steering Committee that the CD Initiative be formalized through a program plan. The Steering Committee agreed to develop and submit a program plan for CDI.

In the March 3, 2008 meeting of Executive Council, Debbie Travis suggested that the Council close this campus issue in deference to the CDI Program Plan. The Council agreed that a program plan would provide organizational structure for the Cultural Democracy Initiative and recommended that this campus issue be closed.

President’s Response to Executive Council

I have heard the discussion on Issue #06-07-04 and I concur with the recommendation to close this campus issue and to use the Program Plan process as structure for the Cultural Democracy Initiative.

To implement this action, the President requests that the Cultural Democracy Steering Committee develop and submit a program plan according to the procedures outlined in the SCC Strategic Planning Framework.

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Deborah J. Travis, Interim President  Date