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TO: CAS Faculty  
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SUBJECT: **Special CAS Faculty Meeting, 10/31: Presentation and Discussion of Kilachand Honors College Curriculum**

We are writing to invite and urge you to attend an important special meeting of the CAS faculty on **October 31, from 4-5:30 pm, in CAS 522.**

As you probably know, the Kilachand Honors College was launched two years ago as an opportunity that would be available for the top undergraduate applicants to Boston University, regardless of college. Kilachand does not award its own degrees, but rather, it offers a rigorous interdisciplinary curriculum designed to fulfill the majority of the students' major college general education requirements. Completion of the Kilachand curriculum requires a major research project. The Kilachand curriculum is intended to enrich and be enriched by students' study in their majors. Not surprisingly, this year as last, CAS student constitute more than half of the newly enrolled Kilachand students, and a majority of the faculty teaching in Kilachand are CAS faculty.

The purpose of this meeting is to update CAS faculty on the Kilachand Honors College curriculum and experience and provide an opportunity for discussion. We urge CAS faculty to participate in this meeting for two reasons. First, because Kilachand is a central part of the academic experience of many of the most academically promising CAS students, it is important for CAS faculty to be familiar with that aspect of our students' lives here. Second, this meeting offers an opportunity for CAS faculty to become informed about the current academic program and student experience in Kilachand, which will be critical background for an important discussion and vote that will take place at the regular CAS Faculty Meeting on Wednesday, November 7.

The question that will be presented to the CAS Faculty Meeting on November 7 concerns whether the Kilachand curriculum fulfills the general education (breadth) and writing requirements of the CAS BA degree program. (CAS/Kilachand students will also have to demonstrate proficiency in mathematics and foreign language, as do all CAS students).

The agenda of the October 31 meeting will be as follows: Charles Dellheim, Professor of History and Director of the Kilachand Honors College, will make an introductory presentation on the academic program of Kilachand, including its relationship to the goals and requirements of liberal arts and sciences and, more broadly, liberal education. In the ensuing discussion, CAS faculty members who have designed and taught courses and current CAS/Kilachand students will be present to discuss and answer questions about their experiences of teaching and learning in the Honors College. Members of the CAS Academic Policy Committee, which has experience reviewing Kilachand courses for assignment to CAS curricular divisions, will also be present.

We look forward to seeing you on October 31 and again on November 7. For further information on KHC, see <http://www.bu.edu/khc/> and, for the four-year academic program, see <http://www.bu.edu/khc/your-four-years/>.