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# Letter to the Editor

## CLAS plan irresponsible, unethical

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Since the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences announced its five-year plan two weeks ago, many of those with ties to the university have felt both torn and let down by the administration's actions and inactions - as well as by the continued silence of both Provost Janie Fouke and UF President Bernie Machen.

It is important to note that those who oppose the five-year plan do so for a number of reasons. Personally, I oppose this plan because it cripples the university's ability to reach President Machen's stated vision of transforming UF into a Top 10 public research institution.

By irresponsibly eliminating entire graduate programs, by recklessly mandating a hiring freeze in the midst of a retirement boom and by unethically proceeding without consulting graduate students and faculty members, this plan does nothing less than create an impassable gap between elite public universities and UF.