



Office of the Faculty Senate Chair

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Kenneth R. Bain, Ph.D
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

RE: Faculty Senate's request for documents and reports related to University Program Reviews

Dear Provost Bain:

At the January 24, 2012 meeting of the Faculty Senate, significant discussion and questions were raised regarding the process and data analyses used during program reviews, and resulting program restructuring. Discussion from members of the Academic Policy, Procedure, and Standards Committee revealed several areas of concern: (1) Inability to have access to reports, surveys, and/or underlying supportive data used for decision making; (2) Statistical data used in reports may have been flawed; and (3) While the Faculty Senate has made several requests for access to these documents, the requests have gone unacknowledged without action or follow-up with the senate body.

As a result of these actions or inactions, the Senate unanimously voted to request, for review, the Noel-Levitz Report, and would further like to have access to all internal/external reports, surveys, and supportive documents used as part of the decision making process for restructuring of programs.

Lastly, the Senate unanimously voted to request that "all pending curricular and restructuring activities, based on or associated with that report, be put on hold until the senate body has obtained access to the documents and has had adequate time for review".

The next Faculty Senate Meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2012, and we are requesting a response from you prior to that meeting. Further, we invite you to accept an invitation to address the Senate, if you desire.

Thank you in advance for your attention to and consideration of this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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