

Subject: Monday Matters: Program Prioritization Final Report
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Dear Colleagues:

One year ago Academic Affairs charged the Program Prioritization task force to review academic programming and administrative support areas (only in academic affairs) and recommend possible changes to ensure alignment with future enrollment trends and fiscal realities. The task force included faculty and faculty administrators from across the university, including Wayne Hynes, Desh Ranjan (co-chair) and Norou Diawara from our college.

The preliminary report from the task force was made available to faculty at the beginning of summer 2021 and input was solicited at that time. Numerous faculty and administrators (chairs, deans, etc.) provided input that was then considered by the task force in September. The final report was submitted to the Provost at the beginning of October. The Provost has now distributed the final report to the Deans and the Faculty Senate. The final report is available on the Program Prioritization Initiative (PPI) web site, (<https://www.odu.edu/assessment/program-prioritization>). To view the report, you must sign in with an active ODU MIDAS ID account. The link is towards the bottom of the page [Final Report – October 2021].

The Deans and Faculty Senate (in parallel) have the opportunity to provide feedback directly to the Provost before he makes his recommendations to the President. Wayne and I will be hosting a (Zoom) Town Hall on the PPI report from 12:30 to 1:30pm on Nov 11, 2021, to solicit your input/comments/suggestions. Here is the zoom link for the Meeting: <https://odu.zoom.us/j/94507766438?pwd=djhocGFvblJ4eVRPVGJvRWxaSUx4QT09&from=addon> Written comments can also be submitted to me and Wayne before Nov. 25, 2021. I would appreciate your feedback as I prepare my comments for the Provost, which are due in early December.

It is important to note that the PPI report not only deals with the academic programs but also the administrative units that come under the jurisdiction of the Provost, such as the Graduate School, Library, Honors College, Distance Learning, Advising, and the Centers for Faculty Development, Diversity and Retention, and Global Engagement, to name a few. Your feedback on these aspects of the report is also important.

Thank you in advance for your feedback on this important topic.

Best Regards,
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