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February 3, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Dr. Connie Webster

Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM:

Dr. Ken Bain Provost

RE:

University Program Reviews—Request for Related Reports/Documents

This is a brief message to confirm that I am in receipt of your January 31st letter (1) requesting a copy of the Noel-Levitz report, along with access to all internal/external documents and analyses that were used to inform the decisions that have been made concerning the restructuring of programs; and (2) asking that all pending curricular and restructuring activities be put on hold pending the Senate's access to and adequate time for review of relevant documents. I, too, share the Senate's interest in learning more.

Therefore, I have asked my staff to identify and provide the Senate (you), as well as myself, with a copy of the Noel-Levitz and other relevant reports, surveys, analyses, etc. that were used to reinforce the resulting program changes. We can determine what constitutes "adequate time for review" once we have a better picture of how much information is involved. What I do not want to see happen is for past delay(s) to be compounded and bogged down by a review of the review process. Since this data has been publicly discussed with every department, dean, and chair over the last year, we expect the process to continue to move forward.

This office will work with you, so that through continued transparency, we can continue on the road to improved teaching and learning at the University.