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To: Susan Jeffords, Provost
From: Richard Beyler, Secretary to the Faculty
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Re: Question to Administrators

The following is submitted to the Provost by Faculty Senators as a Question to Administrators for the next Senate meeting on March 7th:

Question to Provost

Some of the “driver metrics” that were assessed when placing academic units into Phase II of PRRP seem to disadvantage smaller units with fewer faculty FTE: total SCH, number of degrees awarded, and base net revenue. For such units, reorganization – e.g., merging with another, possibly larger academic unit – may come at great cost to faculty who prize their disciplinary identity and curricular autonomy within the University’s colleges and schools. From OAA’s perspective, other than administrative cost savings at the unit level (summer salaries and stipends for chairs, etc.), are there other specific gains to be anticipated from this sort of reorganization of academic units?