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To: Susan Jeffords, Provost  
From: Richard Beyler, Secretary to the Faculty  
Date: 30 May 2022  
Re: Question to Administrators

Faculty Senator Sybil Kelley, on behalf of faculty colleagues in the departments of Applied Linguistics, Conflict Resolution, International and Global Studies, Theater, and the Leadership in Sustainability Education track in Educational Policy and Leadership, has submitted the following question to the Provost as a Question to Administrators for the next Faculty Senate meeting on June 6:

### **Question to Provost Susan Jeffords**

We acknowledge the challenge facing administration in creating a balanced budget and acknowledge that adjusting the organizational structure and function of our institution is necessary. We recognize that the Program Review and Reduction Process (PRRP) was initiated and the Faculty Senate Academic Program Review and Curriculum Adjustment (APRCA) committee was created as a way for faculty and administrators to engage in shared governance around these challenges.

The PRRP process has not aligned with the [APRCA committee guiding principles](#) related to transparency, due process, and shared governance. Criteria for evaluation have not been shared and there has not been meaningful engagement or feedback around Phase II or Phase III narratives. Further, the process has reinforced siloes and does not support meaningful collaboration toward stated goals of interdisciplinary programming and research for climate resiliency and racial justice.

Due to the lack of transparency, due process, and shared governance in the implementation of the PRRP, will you stop this process and start over with a renewed process that aligns with the guiding principles of the APRCA committee?

Per the Senate Bylaws, this will appear on the agenda for the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in section F. Please let the Presiding Officer or me know if you have any questions.