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To: Susan Jeffords, Provost

From: Richard Beyler, Secretary to the Faculty

Date: 7 November 2022

Re: Question to Administrators

A Faculty Senator has submitted the following question to the Provost as a Question to Administrators for the next Faculty Senate meeting on November 7th:

Question to Provost Susan Jeffords

Collectively, this multi-year Program Review and Reduction Process (PRRP) has cost significant amounts of time, money, and goodwill for both faculty and administration. If faculty positions are cut, it will also result in a loss of revenue in the future, both from loss of tuition and from loss of external funding. Although this question has been asked several times during the past year, we have not received a clear answer whether the PRRP will prove to be an effective means of "balancing the budget."

What are the projected budget savings from merging 5 smaller departments with other bigger ones, as they have been asked to do?

Per the Senate Bylaws, this will appear on the agenda for the November 7th meeting in section F. Please let the Presiding Officer or me know if you have any questions.