Program Prioritization Task Force March 18, 2013

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Review of Minors - Vicki distributed a handout. Programs highlighted in yellow are already eliminating these minors so they will not be reviewed today.

It was noted we have a university wide issue of stand-alone minors as a whole. Is it of value to bring these people in? Normally Angi meets with the Chancellor to give him updates and Vicki will ask her to bring this to his attention.

The task force is not going to give the Chancellor additional information from the category 1’s – is he going to be okay with that? The task force needs to let him know the trends that emerged with the rankings without sharing specific programs.

Systemic issues noted during program reviews:

* The problem with bait and switch – attracting students on the basis of a certain program knowing there is a 1 in 5 chance they will make it, and then these students leave WCU.
* Lack of training in leadership and development of supervisory skills.
* There is beginning to be more scrutiny regarding programs/minors, etc. but some folks are putting bad ideas forward. The underlying problem here is that no one has been minding the store for a long time.
* Funding models that do not capture the expense of high dollars fields (music, etc.).
* Very inconsistent in how we award release time

Phase 1 completion – emails have been edited. Vicki will send these out over break all within the same hour

Data for Phase 2 – we will need to provide data on course enrollments in a timely fashion, in order for folks to respond

Moving forward – meet April 1 to plan forum and phase 2 process

Reminder - Forum Wednesday April 3

Registrar will provide additional data to category 3 people to prepare narratives. We have not discussed any other types of data. We are using the original narrative with the addition of class size.

* *Recommendation for future Program Prioritization Task Force:*
* Find way to include pre-major data in a meaningful way