

***Comprehensive Program Review Task Force Recommendations (10.15.06) and Provost Response (12/22/06):***

1. The process of identifying variables to consider in program evaluation, and evaluating individual programs on each variable, should not in itself lead to the elimination of any existing program from the current curriculum.

***Action: Accept this recommendation***

2. The growth agenda is about both access and quality. As such, the Comprehensive Program Review Committee recommends a balanced approach to growth agenda funding that addresses three specific areas. We must weigh the need to fund programs that are directly impacted by increased enrollment; the need to invest in priority programs; and the need to support broad-based innovation, experimentation, and creativity as process to increase program quality and program array. The Comprehensive Program Review Committee recommends that a funding model be developed that targets selected programs for growth, provides funding that will encourage innovation and experimentation, and supports program quality enhancement initiatives.

***Action: Pursue this recommendation in 2006-07. Develop a funding model.***

3. Each unit should provide the Comprehensive Program Review Committee with an analysis of the data provided in this report and recommendations for unit improvement.

***Action: Deans have asked units to provide any additional information or context needed by early March 2007.***

4. Develop a program to improve the quality of teaching across campus. Ideally, this program will take the shape of a Teaching and Learning Center.

***Action: Accept this recommendation. It will be a high capital campaign priority and a high growth agenda priority.***

5. Units should be required to submit a standardized unit update (similar to individual personnel updates) that identifies the full level of contribution by faculty, staff, and students for that unit. We further recommend that this information be made publicly available through an annual report compiled by the Provost's office that details the breadth and depth of the total university contribution.

***Action: Discuss this further with the Academic Affairs Council.***

6. The academic deans should work with individual programs to decide on a schedule for a full and complete curricular re-examination of selected programs. The Comprehensive Program Review Committee believes the deans, in consultation with the program executive committees, should determine which programs are in the greatest need of curricular re-examination and possible restructuring. The Comprehensive Program Review Committee further believes that this process cannot be completed without the fiscal support of the administration.

***Action: Accept this recommendation. Direct the deans to pursue this.***