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Academic Program Review Council 2017-2018

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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your willingness to serve on the Provost's Program Review Council for 2017-2018. I would like to extend a warm welcome to the new member, Patrick Vargas. We have two members who have served their three-year term and are cycling off the Council. I want to thank Hong Li and Scott Althaus for participating the Council, and a special thanks to Scott for chairing it last year.

Shelly Nickols has graciously agreed to serve as chair for the Council. Staci Provezis, Associate Provost for Academic Effectiveness, will work with both the Program Review Council and the academic units to support this process.

As articulated by the 2016-2017 Program Review Council, the mission of the Program Review Council is to oversee and improve the campus's external review process by:

- Ensuring that the investment in the external review process is producing desired benefits for campus;
- Documenting and disseminating best practices for units undergoing external review;
- Diagnosing problems with and recommending changes to the external review process;
- Confirming that the external review process remains aligned with the campus' evolving strategic goals and with related activities overseen by other campus units;
- Embodying a diverse range of faculty perspectives in Council membership; and
- Identifying common themes emerging in external review assessments that warrant additional attention by the Provost.

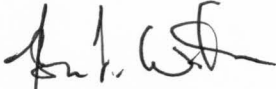
In addition to the above listed mission, during this academic year, the Program Review Council is specifically being charged with the following responsibilities:

- Examine the responses from the external reviewers on the open-ended question in the report about the program review process;
- Develop guidelines for executive officers to communicate with their units about the reviews;

- Review annual reports to identify areas where the institution may look to improve programs.

I am deeply grateful for your time and expertise in this important review process.

Sincerely,



John P. Wilkin
Interim Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost

c: Bill Bernhard, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs