

College Assembly Presidents

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SUBJECT: Reorganization and Academic Planning Retrenchment

CC: C. Drale, Chancellor; A. Bain, Provost

The College Assembly Presidents strongly recommend that additional restructuring within the new colleges occur after academic planning retrenchment. Additional planning time in the 2020-2021 academic year allows for a series of retreats, open forums, and strategic planning sessions among faculty from the newly-formed colleges. It affords the opportunity to involve local community stakeholders. This allows us to create sensible, effective, and needed departments or schools and to more efficiently respond to the changing higher education landscape in the state.

The College Assembly Presidents also strongly recommend that decisions regarding academic planning retrenchment be informed by shared financial and academic data, so that all decision-makers in the process are operating on the same assumptions.