
Memorandum

Vice President

Office of Academic Affairs

TO: Dr. Robin E. Bowen
President

FROM: Dr. Barbara J. Johnson
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RE: Academic Affairs Restructuring

DATE: March 10, 2021

Restructuring within the Division of Academic Affairs is in process with plans to decentralize the College of eTech at the end of spring 2021. Specifically, the component of the College responsible for support of online learning will be centralized and report to Academic Affairs. This will allow the unit to be re-imagined as a support unit for the entire university. In addition, some of the smaller departments will be merged for the fall 2021 semester. During fall 2021, plans to restructure existing colleges will continue with the expectation for a STEM or STEAM College and a minimum of \$100,000 in additional savings due to the restructuring. The restructuring plan will be placed on the January 2022 Board agenda.

As a part of the division's restructuring, 10 academic programs that will be discontinued due to low enrollment or low graduation rates will be put forward at the May 2021 Board meeting. In addition, 12-degree programs will be monitored for improvement in enrollment, graduation rate, or program costs for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic years. If improvements to minimum standards are not realized at the end of this time period, these programs will be discontinued.

While the restructuring within Academic Affairs will continue through December 2021, at this time, I recommend the following to you and the Board of Trustees for consideration: Elimination of the College of eTech effective June 30, 2021.