

Resolution regarding the Program Prioritization Committee's Draft University Self-Study  
Presented for the Faculty Senate's consideration  
by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures  
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Whereas the Faculty Senate fully supports the PPC's efforts to plan strategically and methodically for future budget reallocations, and

Whereas the PPC has taken great pains to be inclusive in seeking data, input and feedback, and

Whereas the Faculty Senate fully supports the PPC's goals of transparency and openness, and

Whereas the Faculty Senate wholeheartedly believes that PPC members have served with honesty and integrity in learning about and making judgments regarding every university department, and

Whereas the final University Self-Study and recommendations to the Chancellor need to be as clear as possible with respect to the report's intentions and limitations,

Therefore the Faculty Senate strongly urges the PPC to carefully and precisely define all key terms, categories and labels in the final Self-Study, and

The Faculty Senate strongly urges the PPC to consider the uses proper to the collected data, both quantitative and qualitative, and to include in the final Self-Study a clear statement of the limitations of the collected data and the judgments derived from them, and

The Faculty Senate strongly urges the PPC to include a clear statement indicating that any simple ranked order of departments, whether published in the report or derived from the report's productivity, quality and centrality scores, is not a clear list of the statistically "best" and "worst" departments and it ought not to be considered a criterion for reallocation, and

Finally, in the interests of transparency, the Faculty Senate strongly urges the PPC to publish the corrected department data spreadsheets and the pre-adjusted department scores for productivity, quality and centrality.