

Subject: Faculty Forum on Program Review

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Faculty Council and the Graduate Faculty Senate invite you to a faculty forum on November 12th at 3:30 PM in Waters Hall Auditorium.

As you know the MDHE recently requested a review of academic program productivity as measured by graduate numbers over a three year period. MU's response identified 5 programs that will be discontinued and 28 that will be assessed for "realignment" with the expectations that ~7 of these programs will be eliminated. The definition for realignment as it pertains to this process remains to be determined. It has been suggested that some programs may combine either with other programs on the list or with programs not on the list. It is unclear at the moment which programs will be blended or what process will be used to make these decisions. We seek your input on this process.

Attached is a draft of notes from Provost Foster describing the outcome of discussions with Faculty Council Executive members regarding possible mechanisms for faculty involvement in this realignment process beginning with the faculty forum. Over the next several weeks, we anticipate forming several smaller forums of interested and affected programs for additional discussions. We have identified senior faculty leadership from across campus to assist in facilitating these discussions. Many of the targeted programs are graduate programs, essential components of MU's mission as a research institution.

We strongly encourage faculty involvement in defining this process as we move toward the next MDHE progress report on December 31. Representatives from Faculty Council and the Graduate Faculty Senate, Provost Foster and Chancellor Deaton will be in attendance.

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