Program Prioritization Task Force March 3, 2021 Summary

The Program Prioritization Task Force met electronically via Zoom on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Brian Payne noted that the February 26 Forum was well attended. He said he will follow up by email with those who attended the forum and remind them that the PowerPoint and the questions submitted in advance of the Forum are available on the Program Prioritization Initiative website. He will also let participants know that the rubric has been adjusted to reflect the correct weights given to each area. Participants will be reminded that they can reach out directly to him or Desh Ranjan with any questions or comments or submit an Anonymous Form.

The group discussed different ways to provide information about the process to the community. It was decided that a newsletter will be developed. Brian Payne will share updates with the deans and ask them to communicate about the process to their colleges. Brian Payne informed the group that he and Desh Ranjan have reached to department chairs to let them know they are willing to attend department meetings to answer questions about the Initiative. He will also seek to attend a meeting of the department chairs group to discuss the Initiative, and he is scheduled to update the Deans on the Initiative the week of March 8.

Brian Payne suggested that the group come up with a theme to represent the Initiative. He may provide suggestions for the group to consider.

Brian Payne shared the three anonymous forms received since the last meeting. Those forms included feedback about the forum, a request for more developmental support for administrative faculty, and a question about how to provide detailed information to the task force.

The subcommittee looking at the College of Arts and Letters and the College of Health Sciences provided a preliminary overview.

The group talked about ongoing changes that may help the process as well as recommendations for doing similar reviews periodically in the future. It was reiterated that the focus is on building the future of ODU as a public research university committed to intellectual diversity.