

Program Prioritization Task Force
March 24, 2021
Meeting Summary

The task force discussed the work of the subcommittee looking at the College of Health Sciences. Part of the discussion focused on a perception among some outside the committee about whether the focus is on programs or chairs. Brian Payne pointed out that he and Desh Ranjan are on the agenda for a Department Chairs meeting with the Provost and they will reiterate the point that it is programs that are being looked at and not departments.

Task force members discussed the need to prioritize future programs as well as current programs. The task force will be provided a list of programs in the pipeline as well as the list of possible new programs identified in the university's six year plan. After reviewing those lists, the task force will discuss how to prioritize future programs.

Mileta Tomovic presented an overview of the Maritime Initiative, the history, its purpose, and benefits to Old Dominion University. President Broderick requested that a work group be assembled that will frame a strategy for Old Dominion University to become a maritime model for the world. Old Dominion has invested a lot of resources into the areas of resilience and supply chain, but there are also numerous other opportunities for the university to invest in and they should be pursued. Nancy Grden and Mileta Tomovic are the co-leaders of this work group. A representative from each college and centers also serve on the committee to share what is going on in their academic unit regarding Maritime. The committee has created a framework from which they will promote the interdisciplinary research and collaboration across the university in the support of Maritime activities.

Wie Yusuf and Tom Allen presented the committee members an overview and how ICAR came to be. Dr. Allen explained some background on ICAR, how it came into existence and its structure. Dr. Yusuf continued that a cohesive effort in 2018 to expand the collaborative beyond to create as a national institute was initiated. In addition to a strong research component, ICAR is invested and interested in creating certificates, maybe minors and a variety of other educational programs that are resilience-related but some of that work was put on hold when the prioritization initiative began.