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Academic Prioritization Retreat Information

On Monday, December 6, the NSU academic deans will spend a full day reviewing together all of the academic prioritization self-studies as we approach the end of an 18 month journey of analyzing the productivity, essentiality, and quality of all academic programs. Although there is no way to be 100% accurate in evaluating academic programs due to so many variables at issue, people have worked hard to gather and analyze significant data related to our academic programs.

That data resulted in a 'dashboard' of charts across the entire program array. That dashboard can be viewed on the academic affairs web site:

On Monday, the deans will be tasked with categorizing programs into three areas:

1. Programs to sustain
2. Programs to grow
3. Programs to revise

They will also be asked to identify potential new programs for NSU that could come forward over the next 5 years, programs that are currently online or will be within the next 5 years, and programs may be moved into the College of Extended Learning under a cost recovery model when that college is operational, and programs that we will put forward to our marketing people as 'signature' programs to promote in the region, state, and nationally.

Any program designated as a program to be revised will be asked to submit a revision plan to the dean and this office by the end of spring semester, and will then have two years to implement the revisions and show progress towards the expected productivity level.

After the retreat, the resulting information will go to cabinet for consideration, then will go out to the campus for discussion and feedback. There will several forums set up by college for that purpose. That information will also be posted on this blog.