



Office Of Academic Affairs

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Dear Campus Community,

We are writing to provide an update on the University's review of our academic portfolio and analysis of academic efficiency and productivity. We reached an important milestone on April 6 with the presentation of early findings from the portfolio analysis by our project partner, rpk GROUP. This presentation shared the project framework; and program-specific findings on demand, yield and student success. The framework and presentation provide a powerful new way for us to look at the teaching mission of the university. We thank everyone for their participation and look forward to the next stage in the analysis.

A key next step will be the analysis of net revenue by program at both the undergraduate and graduate level. This work is being conducted in partnership with the University of Missouri System.

Soon we will begin sharing the project analysis and recommendations with shareholder groups, beginning with the deans. Following the rollout to the deans, additional presentations will be made to the university budget committee and faculty senate budget committee, the department chairs and ultimately the administrative council. Current project information has also been posted to a new landing page at UMKC, and can be found at <http://www.umkc.edu/apr>.

Looking forward, we anticipate that this project will continue through Summer 2017, concluding with a final onsite presentation sometime in August. This process will then become part of our normal operations for university reporting thereafter.

We recognize that changes in the external funding environment throughout the System have created new pressures on UMKC. Let us assure you, however, that the academic portfolio and efficiency project is first and foremost focused on supporting the University's investment decisions. Secondly, the project will provide a framework and tools to allow stakeholders to understand how the University economic model supports our unwavering commitment to educational quality and student success.

Thank you for your continued support of UMKC's students, faculty and staff, and for the work of this project. Questions on the project can be addressed to us at telltheprovoast@umkc.edu.

Respectfully,

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