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Date: October 31, 2019

To: Academic and Student Affairs Committee

From: Paul Layer

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Re: Status Report on Academic Reviews

At their September meeting, the Board of Regents instructed the university to conduct expedited program reviews of 13 academic areas for consideration by the board at their November meeting. The timeline was such that the committees were required to complete their reports by October 10 and report to the Board's Subcommittee on Restructuring on October 11.

The Board held a special meeting on October 7, 2019 and passed the following motion:

PASSED "The Board of Regents approves suspending the statewide academic program review process until such a time as the board can get consultation from the chancellors and the president on a way forward. This motion is effective October 7, 2019."

Following that decision, I informed all committee chairs to suspend their process and inform their committees to discontinue work on the data or reports. The Google Drives that supported the programs were locked so that no additional work could be done. All video recordings from committee meetings prior to October 7 are still posted on the "New UA" website. The website has also been updated to state that the process has been suspended.

As of October 7, only one committee, eLearning, had completed their report. Most other committees had a draft report that was being discussed by the committee. The Arts Humanities and Social Sciences committee had not yet posted a draft report on the shared drive.

The draft reports have been compiled and shared only with the Chancellors and President for their consideration. They will then consult with the Board on a way forward, as outlined in the motion.