PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION AT UM
STUDENT INFORMATION
WHAT IS PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION?

- It is a process that essentially ranks programs according to a set criteria and then uses those rankings to redistribute funds and resources across those programs. (Remember: Rank programs, redistribute resources)
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UM has experienced declining enrollment and subsequent loss of revenue resulting in the need for the redistribution of resources. On October 13th 2016, higher education consultant Robert Dickeson led a workshop on academic and administrative program prioritization based on his book “Prioritizing Academic Programs and Services: Reallocating Resources to Achieve Strategic Balance” (2010).

At a minimum, the University of Montana will need to find $6,000,000 by the next academic year due to our current situation. Due to declining enrollment and lower state support, the University of Montana has had to make a series of cuts to faculty and staff over the past several years. Typically, these cuts have been opportunistic, meaning that when a faculty/staff member retires or leaves the University, their position has not been rehired. The results of this long term would be devastating to some areas of campus, as faculty/staff numbers would continue to dwindle without replacement until the overall situation at the University improves (a mediocrity for all effect). Some areas have made strategic/mission-based cuts, but these have largely been uncoordinated with other sectors at UM, or the University as a whole. Program prioritization will allow the University of Montana to more strategically allocate resources based on our new priorities.

This process, though just beginning at UM, follows other continuing attempts realign the university with programmatic and financial Program Prioritization is intended to maximize available resources at UM.
The Academic Programs and Administrative Services Prioritization Task Force (APASP) has been formed and will begin meeting regularly starting the second week of April (2017). The APASP Task Force is one of five branches of the Forward125 working group, and the APASP has been tasked with the following objectives:

- **First** is to provide advice, guidance and oversight to all components of APASP planning and implementation.
- **Second** is to establish the necessary components (metrics, operational definitions, review criteria, formulas/weights, categories of ranking/associated actions, etc.), there view processes to be used, and the timeline/benchmarks required to meet the established completion target date.
- **Third** is to propose a set of recommendations for academic program and administrative services prioritization for review and consideration by the President and Executive Cabinet.
APASP MEMBERS---SPRING 2017 TO FALL 2017

- **Task Force Chair**
  Beverly Edmond, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

- **Faculty Representatives (7)**
  - John DeBoer, Associate Professor, Department of Theatre and Dance
  - Christine Fiore, Chair, Department of Psychology
  - Paul Haber, Professor, Department of Political Science
  - Colin Henderson, Professor, Missoula College
  - Elizabeth Putnam, Chair, Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
  - Steve Schwarze, Professor, Department of Communication Studies
  - Andrew Ware, Chair, Department of Physics & Astronomy
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- **Staff Representatives (4)**
  - Stephanie Domitrovich, Academic Advisor and Adjunct Faculty, Department of Health and Human Performance
  - Laurie Fisher, Director, Career Services
  - Rozlyn Haley, Compliance Specialist, Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action and UM Police Department
  - Jennifer Zellmer-Cuaresma, Athletic Academic Advisor, Intercollegiate Athletics

- **Student Representatives (4)**
  - Sam Forstag, ASUM President; Senior, Political Science & Philosophy
  - Chase Greenfield, ASUM Business Manager; Junior, Philosophy & English Literature
  - Erik Johnston, Graduate Student, Material Sciences Ph.D. Program
  - Anisa Ricci, ASUM Senator; Sophomore, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies & Political Science

- **Administration Representatives (3)**
  - Tom DeLuca, Dean, W.A. Franke College of Forestry and Conservation
  - Beverly Edmond, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (CHAIR)
  - Scott Whittenburg, Vice President for Research & Creative Scholarship; Dean, Graduate School
TIMELINE

- From the Forward 125 page.
The Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM) has created a committee to coordinate with students in order to collect opinions on the program prioritization process. The committee also exists to inform and advise the student representatives on APASP Task Force.

**The ASUM Program Prioritization committee meets every Friday from 4-5pm in UC 207** and we want you to come share your voice with us.

You are strongly encouraged to come and keep up to date at both committees on the program prioritization process at the University of Montana.

The ASUM Program Prioritization committee will also be tabling in the UC periodically to answer any questions and provide more information.
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