TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: Senators Eagan and Jennings
SUBJECT: Program Prioritization Screening Criteria
PURPOSE: Approval of the Senate

SUMMARY:
This motion requests that criteria developed by the Instructional Task Force of the Program Prioritization Steering Committee be approved by the Senate prior to its implementation for ranking programs for the purpose of reallocating program funding.

ACTION REQUESTED:
That the Academic Senate approve the following resolution:

Given that program reviews and decisions governing the status (e.g., continuance, continuance with modification and discontinuance) of academic programs comes under the purview of the Academic Senate, and

Given that, in large part, the criteria being developed to compare and rank programs for the Program Prioritization Initiative duplicates criteria that is used by CAPR to evaluate annual and Five-Year Reviews, and

Given that members of the Senate and committees of the Senate are elected by the faculty body and not appointed by the administration, and

Given that the implementation of criteria for the purposes of ranking and, thus, reallocating funds has the potential to fundamentally alter existing academic programs, and

Given that Provost Houpis and other administrators noted in “Town Hall” meetings that program ranking will be a reiterative process, the criteria used for ranking has the potential to impact programs well into the future,

Be it resolved that the criteria for ranking programs currently under development by members appointed to the Instructional Task Force be submitted to the Academic Senate via CAPR for approval prior to the use of criteria to rank programs for the purposes of reallocating funds, and

Be it resolved that this resolution be sent to Linda Dalton, Chair of the Program Prioritization Steering Committee; Jose Lopez and Nancy Mangold, Chairs of the Instructional Task Force; Chris Chamberlain, Chair of CAPR.