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From: Jeff Forrest, AVS Chair and World's Greatest Pilot
To: Dr. Golich, Dr. Capps
Re: CAESS Feedback
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Questions for Academic Departments:
1. How do you think an academic re-org, like the ones in the graphic, would impact your department – both positively and negatively – in terms of the following enrollment-related topics? Please explain.
    a. Student recruitment
    b. Student retention
    c. Student graduation rates

AVS will not be hurt if we stay in the same structure as we have currently in CPS. That said, I do think that if we are combined in a group of applied science and technologies, then recruitment will increase. I am not sure about retention, although I can't see how it would reduce retention. I feel graduation rates would also improve if we were reorganized into the aforementioned group.

2. How do you think an academic re-org, like the ones in the graphic, would impact your department – both positively and negatively – in terms of the following identity-related topics? Please explain.
    a. Professional recognition
    b. Department reputation/image
    c. Department revenue
    d. Program accreditation

If AVS was repositioned in an applied science/tech group, then I think the above factors – all of them – would be greatly enhanced.

3. How do you think an academic re-org, like the ones in the graphic, would impact your department in terms of the following internal university topics? Please explain.
    a. Voting representation (such as on Faculty Senate and Council of Chairs & Directors)
    b. Collaboration with other departments

In terms of faculty senate and CCs, I do not see any change – negative or positive. I would anticipate greater collaboration with other department in the new division.

4. Are there current projects or projects in the planning stages that you feel would be disrupted by an academic re-org? Please explain.

None. We even may get the names of the buildings right, this time …. 😌

5. Are there specific policies or procedures that your department uses that reference or use the current school/college structure? How would they be impacted by an academic re-org?

None.

6. Does your *department* currently engage in external fundraising? Do you think an academic re-org into smaller colleges (such as the 7 shown in the graphic) would impact fundraising for your department? How about for your college?

I think the restructuring into a more cohesive sci-tech group will make it easier to develop inclusive strategies for fund raising (AVS is active in fundraising). I do not see it being a negative affect on the department or college, and it would be a more positive aspect for University Advancement to sell.

7. Using the graphic re-org as a point of discussion, how would your department feel about being in the 5-college version? In the 7-college version? Should MSU Denver continue down the path of collegiate restructuring, where do *you* think your department belongs? [Remember, these are being put forward as models to promote discussion. They are not finalized plans being voted on.]

I am for the 7 model –

1. *My suggestion: College of Applied Science and Technology – (not College of Science, Health, and Engineering)*
2. *I am not in favor of having any one department's name (i.e., engineering) featured in the new college's title, unless the college would be specific to that domain (e.g., College of Engineering Sciences)*
3. *If we are merged with health sciences, I would rather have AVS stay in CPS the way it is now.*
4. *I think restructuring is worth a continued discussion and evaluation – I see strong potential to improve synergy and enhance fund raising / grant opportunities.*

Hope that helps!

Jeff