

Question Time

While examination of existing programs and units across campus can be seen as necessary and valuable for building on the strengths of IPFW and developing new directions as a comprehensive metropolitan university, there is a perception that the goal of USAP is to collect data that will be used to consolidate some academic programs and cut others in order to focus resources on a few special areas. There also is increasing concern that it may simply not be possible to develop a unified plan from the overwhelming multitude of data that is being collected at the level of individual units, evaluated by people who are not necessarily familiar with the individual units. So the questions are:

1. What is the goal of the USAP process?
2. Would the administration be open to considering an alternative to the USAP process such as that proposed in SD 11-24, which suggests a strategic program review-like process for all units?

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