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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chancellor John Morgan  
President Joe DiPietro

FROM: Richard G. Rhoda 

SUBJECT: Academic Program Productivity and  
Establishment of Moratorium

DATE: January 27, 2014

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As you are no doubt aware, recent years have seen a period of extensive growth in the current academic inventory, with the creation of 177 new programs since 2011. A recent THEC review of the productivity of these new programs has found that a majority of the programs are failing to meet productivity thresholds.

Following consultations with Dr. Tristan Denley and Dr. Katie High, the THEC will institute a 12 month moratorium on new academic programs beginning July 1, 2014. This period will allow for the THEC to work jointly with each system to assess the health of academic offerings, make necessary adjustments to academic program policy, and ensure that all programs are fully aligned for student success.

In order to facilitate this alignment, detailed productivity data for each institution has been compiled by THEC staff; these data will be transmitted to each campus in mid-February, and are attached to this communication for your review as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding this decision.

Attachment

cc: Tristan Denley  
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