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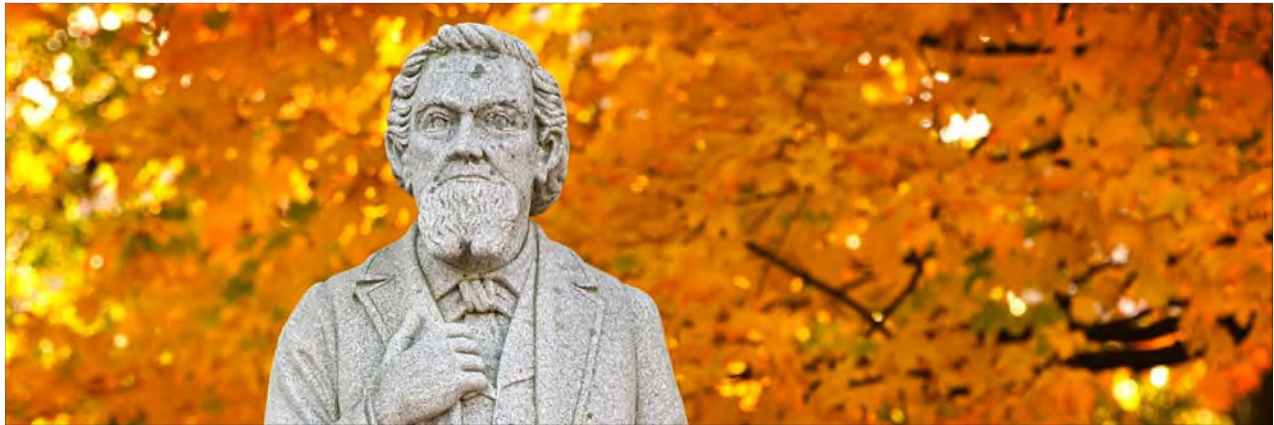
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REDESIGNING UA

Proposal for FY21 budget framework and academic structure

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FINAL REPORT: REDESIGN OF THE ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

Posted May 28

The final report includes the proposed academic structure following review by and recommendations from the Faculty Senate.

[Final report >](#)

FEEDBACK AND NEXT STEPS FOR ACADEMIC DESIGN PLAN

Posted May 20

We are one step closer to an academic redesign proposal derived from substantial feedback and shared governance communication.

Executive Vice President and Provost **John Wiencek** has revised the original proposal from the deans after considering the feedback that was submitted and consulting with faculty from across the University. [The revised proposal](#) brings together intellectually related academic disciplines into an administrative structure with fewer colleges.

"Based on extensive feedback and significant cooperation involving deans, department chairs, Faculty Senate, University Council and others, I am happy to see how the revised plan moves us closer to a more sustainable structure that will serve students and our region well," Wiencek said. "The quantity and quality of the feedback was most encouraging, and it will most certainly result in a better plan."

The revised plan and summary of comments received has been submitted to the Faculty Senate, with a request for feedback in time to be included in the plan that President **Gary L. Miller** and Provost Wiencek will present to the Board of Trustees at its special meeting on May 29.

[Revised proposal >](#)

MESSAGES FROM PROVOST JOHN WIENCEK

Proposed Plan for Redesigning UA

Message sent to campus Wednesday, May 6

Life has changed substantially for all of us. The COVID-19 pandemic brings the need to mitigate infection spread, improve detection and tracing, as well as find ways to carry out our work.

Message continues...

Summary of Feedback to Date

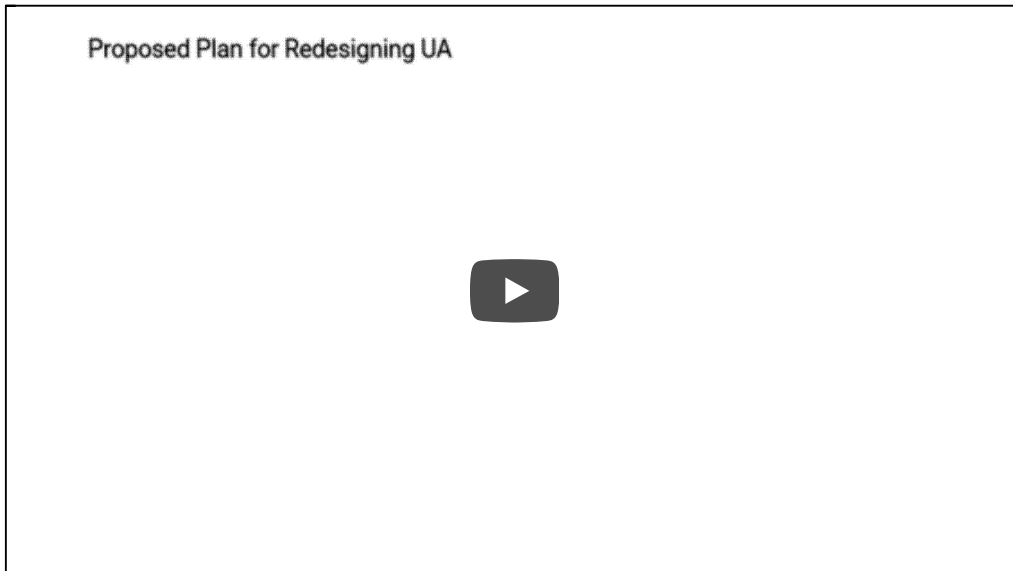
Sent to campus Monday, May 11


We continue to make progress towards meeting our goal of addressing the short- and long-term financial health of The University of Akron. We have been monitoring the feedback from all of you that has come in through the channels listed on the [OAA website](#). The comments acknowledge the need to reduce the number of colleges. There are two major issues that are the subject of conversation.

Message continues...

VIDEO OVERVIEW

Provost John Wiencek narrates an overview of the proposed budget framework and academic structure.



 [Download a diagram of the proposed academic structure](#)

 [Download Provost Wiencek's presentation](#)

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FACULTY SENATE RESPONSE

Faculty Senate Executive Committee met on Saturday May 2nd and Monday May 4th to review and provide feedback on the proposal for reorganization presented to the committee by the provost on April 30th. The committee reviewed the proposal with a focus on maintaining the academic integrity of the University.

This document outlines the issues discussed among committee members, and these issues are presented to the provost for consideration as discussion points.

Response continues...

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