

## UWO Academic Planning Open House

**Date: December 8, 2023, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Purpose:** Gather input on three conceptual models for reorganization and consider these points:

- No decisions have been made about which of these models, if any, will move forward.
- Your input is valuable. We don't know what we don't know.
- This workgroup has NOT been charged to eliminate majors, programs, people, or disciplinary identities.

Process recognizes and will realistically address distinct needs of each current unit. **Why This Matters:** Our current academic structure with 4 colleges and around 50 academic departments and non-departmental programs is not sustainable.

- College and department size differences cause problems in representation & administration
  - (COLS is big; some departments are down to 2 people)
- Proposed models would increase unit size and reduce the number of chairs/directors.
- Curricular and administrative efficiencies result from department and program consolidation
- New unit names will clearly signal career areas for prospective students.

**Criteria Used:** The faculty-led Restructuring Committee used these design criteria:

- Student-centered, innovative, interdisciplinary, efficient, flexible curricular and research offerings.
- Fewer total programs and lower instructional and administrative costs.
- Greater FTE balance across academic units.
- Points of distinction for academic offerings and UWO as a whole.
  
- **Next Steps:** The working group is presenting three potential models and soliciting feedback: 3 large academic units
- 9 medium academic units: Focus on Career Clusters
- 9 medium academic units: Focus in Interdisciplinary Areas

### WHAT WE WANT FROM THE CAMPUS COMMUNITY:

We welcome your unique disciplinary perspectives and ideas. Please comment upon these three models using the QR code. Your input will be used to devise more concrete proposals that address the above criteria.

