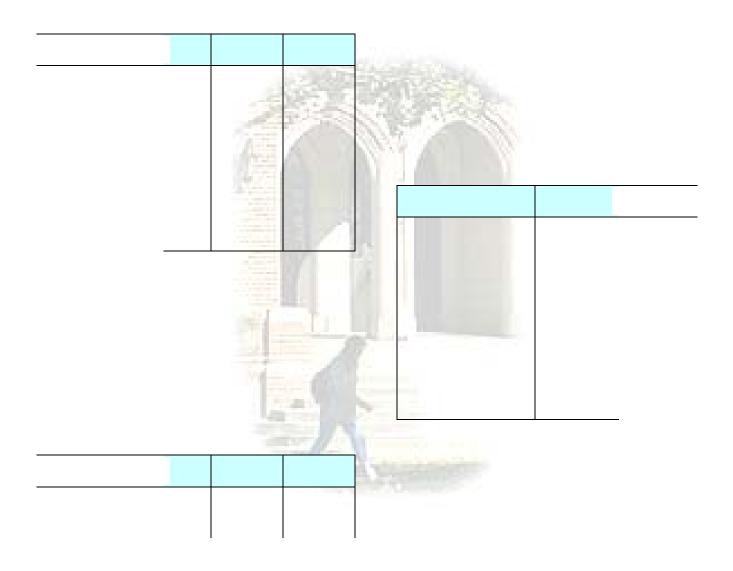


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CLOSING COMMENTS

We understand that the Provost has instructed Deans to ask their groups to recommend comparison programs and schools. The Faculty Senate supports this effort, and we ask all faculty members to consider the comparison institutions that might best support our academic planning. As you think of your academic unit, what comparison schools best describe your peer group? What comparison schools best describe your aspiration? This input is essential in supporting the Faculty Senate's efforts to collaborate with Provost Coombe and the higher administration to examine our current comparison process and construct the most useful set of comparisons to guide our academic and fiscal planning.

-- Susan E. Sadler, President

-- **Cathryn Potter**, Chair Financial Planning Committee