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TO: Leland Ware, Director
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University Faculty Senate

SUBJECT: Permanent Status Program Review (PSPR)

In April 2009 the Faculty Senate provisionally approved, for five years, the new degree leading to a **Ph.D. in Disaster Science and Management**. This program must undergo a permanent status program review (PSPR) as a part of the permanent approval process during the 2015 fall semester so that the review report can be submitted to the Faculty Senate for action during the spring 2016 semester.

The PSPR procedures are outlined in the Faculty Senate Website (<http://www.udel.edu/facsen/course/index.html#Final>). The PSPR self-study report must be submitted to the Office of the University Faculty Senate with a copy sent to the Dean and the Provost Office no later than **November 1, 2015** so that it can be submitted for review and progress through the appropriate Faculty Senate committees this academic year. The review is typically an internal review, although an external review may be conducted if deemed necessary.

The following must also be included in the PSPR self-study report:

- Any concerns/issues specifically mentioned when the program was granted provisional status that would need to be addressed and any current concerns the program may have.
- A program approval form, which can be found on the Faculty Senate website (<http://www.facsen.udel.edu/sites/index.aspx>) must be included when the PSPR is completed. This form, along with all documentation, must also be sent electronically to the Senate Office to Karren@udel.edu.
- Letters of support from the Dean and Chair and other collaborating academic units, must be included.

Please note that the Faculty Senate may decide to conduct an open hearing on the proposed permanent status application; the program will be notified should that become necessary.

If you have any questions on the PSPR process, please let me know. Thank you for your attention on this matter.

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