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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Margaret Crowder, Chair, University Senate
FROM: Gary A. Ransdell 
SUBJECT: Public Prayer Policy

Thank you for submitting the Senate's recommendation for a Public Prayer Policy. It is helpful. The Administrative Council and I have thoroughly discussed it. An absolute policy may be imprudent, as a violation of a formal policy requires disciplinary action, and we are not prepared to take disciplinary action against faculty, staff, or students over prayer. University officials, however, will advise prayer givers to be mindful of this thoughtful recommendation in those rare occasions when a prayer may be deemed necessary. Thank you.

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