

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM: 4 – D

DATE: October 5, 2016

SUBJECT: Program Accreditation and Board Metrics

The Board of Regents discussed the [SDBOR Strategic Plan](#) and [SDBOR Strategic Plan Tracking](#) for metrics adopted by the Board at their August meeting.

One of the Academic Quality and Performance Indicators in the Strategic Plan is the number of Regental System degree programs with national accreditation or certification. As of 2014, 91 programs had such accreditation or certification; the Strategic Plan calls for an increase to 100 programs by 2020. Board discussion about the accreditation of programs goal included discussion about the varying levels of the value and quality of different accrediting bodies and whether this metric realistically measured academic quality.

Institutions should assess plans to continue current accreditations and certifications, as well as the associated costs and benefits. In addition, institutions should identify any programs for which they intend to seek or discontinue accreditation.

For reference, the attachment contains information on program accreditation agencies recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors (ASPA), and the United States Department of Education (USDOE). While this document does not account for all programmatic accreditation options, it should provide institutions with a starting point for discussions.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Discussion and recommendation.

Program Accreditation Organizations

As Recognized by the [Council for Higher Education Accreditation \(CHEA\)](#), [Association of Specialized and Professional Accreditors \(ASPA\)](#), or the [United States Department of Education \(USDOE\)](#).

Note 1: *The programs listed under the “Regental Programs” are those indicated on the accrediting agency’s website. Programs in candidacy status may not be included.*

Note 2: *The “Rec.” Column indicates recognition for the accrediting agency. “C”=CHEA, “A”=ASPA, “U”=USDOE.*

FIELD	ABBREV.	REC.	ORGANIZATION	REGENTAL PROGRAMS
Acupuncture	ACAOM	A,U	Accreditation Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine	None
Architecture	NAAB	A	National Architectural Accrediting Board	SDSU
Athletic Training	CAATE	C,A	Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education	SDSU
Art/Design	NASAD	A,U	National Association of Schools of Art and Design	NSU,USD
Audiology	ACAE	C,A	Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education	None
Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology	CAA-ASHA	C,A,U	Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association	USD
Aviation	AABI	C	Aviation Accreditation Board International	None
Business	AACSB	C,A	Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business	BHSU, USD
Business	ACBSP	C	Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs	DSU, NSU
Business	IACBE	C	International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education	None
Chiropractic	CCE	C,U	Council on Chiropractic Education	None
Construction	ACCE	C,A	American Council for Construction Education	SDSU
Counseling	CACREP	C,A	Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs	SDSU, USD
Culinary Arts	ACFEF-AC	C	American Culinary Federation Education Foundation, Inc. Accrediting Commission	None
Dance	NASD	A,U	National Association of Schools of Dance	None
Dental (& related programs)	CDA	A,U	Commission on Dental Accreditation	USD
Dietitian/Nutritionist	ACEND	A,U	Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics	SDSU
Engineering (& Computing Programs, Applied Sciences)	ABET	C,A	Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology	SDSMT, SDSU
English Language	CEA	A,U	Commission on English Language Program Accreditation	None
Family & Consumer Science	AAFCS-CFA	C	American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences	None
Fire and Emergency	IFSAC-DA	C	International Fire Service Accreditation Congress – Degree Assembly	None

Forensic Science	FEPAC	C,A	Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission	None
Funeral/Mortuary	ABFSE	C,U	American Board of Funeral Service Education Committee on Accreditation	None
Genetic Counseling	ACGC		Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling	None
Health (Allied Health)	ABHES	A,U	Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools	None
Health (Allied Health & Exercise Science)	CAAHEP	C,A	Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs	SDSU
Health (Public Health)	CEPH	A,U	Council on Education for Public Health	None
Healthcare Management	CAHME	C,A	Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education	None
Health Informatics/Health Information Management	CAHIIM	C,A	Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education	DSU
Homeopathic Training	ACHENA	A	Accreditation Commission For Homeopathic Education in North America	None
Human Services	CSHSE	C	Council for Standards in Human Service Education	None
Interior Design	CIDA	C	Council for Interior Design Accreditation	SDSU
Journalism/Mass Communication	ACEJMC	C	Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications	SDSU
Landscape Architecture	LAAB-ASLA	C,A	Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board, American Society of Landscape Architects	None
Law	ABA	U	American Bar Association, Council of the Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar	USD
Library/Information Studies	ALA-CoA	C,A	American Library Association Committee on Accreditation	None
Marriage & Family Therapy	COAMFTE-AAMFT	C,A	Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy	None
Massage Therapy (& related programs)	COMTA	U	Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation	
Massage Therapy/Cosmetology	NACASS	U	National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences	
Medical Education	LCME	A,U	Liaison Committee on Medical Education	USD
Medical Laboratory Science/Technicians	NAACLS	C,A	National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences	SDSU
Midwifery	ACME	A,U	Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education	None
Midwifery	MEAC	U	Midwifery Education Accreditation Council	
Music (& related programs)	NASM	A,U	National Association of Schools of Music	BHSU, NSU, USD, SDSU
Naturopathic Medicine	CNME	A,U	Council on Naturopathic Medical Education	None
Nurse Anesthesia	COA	C,A,U	Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs	None
Nursing	ACEN	C,A,U	Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing	USD
Nursing	CCNE	A,U	Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education	SDSU, USD

Nuclear Medicine Technology	JRCNMT	C,A	Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Nuclear Medicine Technology	None
Optometry	COA	C	Commission on Opticianry Accreditation	None
Osteopathic Medicine	AOA-COCA	A,U	Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation	None
Pharmacy Technician	ASHP	A	American Society of Health-System Pharmacists	None
Physician Assistant	ARC-PA	C,A	Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant	USD
Planning (Urban & Regional)	PAB	C,A	Planning Accreditation Board	None
Podiatry	APMA-CPME	C,A,U	American Podiatric Medical Association, Council on Podiatric Medical Education	None
Project Management	GACPM	A	Project Management Institute Global Accreditation Center for Project Management Education Programs (GAC)	SDSU
Psychoanalytic Training	ABAP	A	American Board for Accreditation in Psychoanalysis	None
Psychology (Clinical, Counseling, School Psychology)	APA-CoA	C,A,U	American Psychological Association, Commission on Accreditation	USD
Psychology (Clinical)	PCSAS	C	Psychological Clinical Science Accreditation System	None
Public Policy/Affairs/Administration	NASPAA-COPRA	C,A	Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration, Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation	USD
Radiologic Technology	JRCERT	C,U	Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology	None
Recreation, Travel, Leisure	NRPA-COAPRT	C	National Recreation and Park Association, Council on Accreditation of Parks, Recreation, Tourism and Related Professions	None
Rehabilitation Counseling/Services	CORE	C,A	Council on Rehabilitation Education, Commission on Standards and Accreditation	SDSU
Respiratory Care	CoARC	C,A	Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care	DSU
Social Work	CSWE	C,A	Council on Social Work Education, Commission on Accreditation	USD
Teacher/Educator Preparation	CAEP	C,A	Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation	USD, SDSU, BHSU, NSU, DSU
Teacher/Educator Preparation	NCATE	C,U	National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	BHSU, DSU, NSU, SDSU, USD
Teacher/Education Preparation ¹	TEAC	C,U	Teacher Education Accreditation Council	<i>See footnote</i>
Teacher/Educator Preparation (Birth-8)	NAEYC	A	National Association for the Education of Young Children	None

¹ Merging with CAEP

Teacher/Educator Preparation (Infant/Toddler)	MACTE	A,U	Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education	None
Technology (Applied Technology, Engineering Technology, etc.)	ATMAE	C,A	Association of Technology, Management, and Applied Engineering	None
Theatre (& related programs)	NAST	A,U	National Association of Schools of Theatre	USD
Veterinary Medicine	AVMA-COE	C,A,U	American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education	None
Concurrent HS/College Credit Programs*	NACEP		National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships	NSU