

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 6.C**

**DATE: March 30, 2010**

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**SUBJECT: Program Productivity Review – Next Steps**

Campus recommendations resulting from the recently completed program productivity review have been forwarded to the Board of Regents. Once the Board has considered and approved the recommendations of the campuses and staff, strategies will need to be implemented to operationalize the changes approved. The following steps are suggested.

Programs to be phased out/terminated: For each program in this group the campus will be expected to submit a brief summary noting if the program is being terminated immediately or inactivated at this point in time and terminated at some defined point in time in the future. The summary also must include a brief overview of the students enrolled, and the strategies that will be used to deal with these students. If a “teach out” plan is part of this, the schedule of course offerings should be included. Finally, the summary should include steps the campus plans to take to advise students enrolled of their options. These summaries will be forwarded to the Board for consideration in June.

Elimination of Specializations: The campuses should review these recommendations and identify those that cannot be done immediately. In addition, the campus should outline the strategies the campus will use to notify students of the changes. A summary of steps being taken will be forwarded to the Board in June.

Intra-campus Consolidations: The campuses should review these recommendations and identify those that cannot be done immediately. In addition, the campus should outline the strategies the campus will use to notify students of the changes. A summary of steps being taken will be forwarded to the Board in June.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve plans to implement the recommendations of the program productivity review.

Intra-system Consolidations: The recommendations to consider intra-system consolidations primarily arise from programs in the Arts and Sciences. To move this forward, it is suggested that the Deans of Arts and Sciences be asked to coordinate discipline-based, system-wide discussions of programs in these areas with recommendations to be submitted to AAC by November 1, 2010. Any recommendations requiring Board action would be forwarded for consideration at the December meeting.

Further Review Required: It is expected that programs in this group will be evaluated again within the next 3 years. For each program in this set, a brief summary of action steps to be taken to strengthen the program should be prepared. To establish benchmarks, this summary should include a table showing the number of students enrolled (spring semester census date) as well as the number of graduates for each of the past four years. In addition, it should be noted which programs will be reviewed in Spring 2011, Spring 2012 and Spring 2013. The campus recommendations and summaries from these reviews will be forwarded to the Board for consideration in June.

The Council should be prepared to discuss this. Recommendations of AAC will be mentioned as the report is made to the Board with the expectation that these will be followed.