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ITEM 185-109-R1119
Academic Program Proposal Policy Revision

THAT

The Board of Regents revises BOR Policy 303.1 – Academic Program Proposals to clarify the criteria through which program proposals shall be evaluated and to charge the commissioner to develop a review process for newly approved academic programs.

EXPLANATION

Revisions to Policy 303.1 – Academic Program Proposals will:

1. Set out the following broad criteria to guide commissioner and board review of new academic program proposals
 - a. The proposed program aligns with the MUS strategic plan, the campus mission, and the campus mission parameters as defined in BOR Policy 219.1.
 - b. The proposed program demonstrates convincing evidence of student demand, employer demand, or societal need.
 - c. The proposed program avoids unnecessarily duplication and cannot be delivered more efficiently through collaboration or alternative arrangements.
 - d. The projected benefits to the state outweigh the costs of the proposed program.
 - e. The institution has the capacity to deliver the proposed program to an acceptable degree of quality with existing and projected resources.
 2. Charge the Commissioner to establish a process to review newly approved academic programs. The revisions establish that programs that fail to meet thresholds for enrollment will either submit an action plan for board review or be placed into moratorium. The commissioner will set what level of performance corresponds with each sanction.
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #1: Academic Program Proposals Policy