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Report on Academic Program Review
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BOR Chapter 10.06 - Academic Program Review

Academic Program Review at UAA

Academic Program Review at UAA aligns with NWCCU institutional accreditation standards, which emphasize planning, assessing effectiveness, and making improvements to the institution and its programs and services. The process complies with University Regulation 10.06.010.B. and examines: mission and alignment; centrality of mission and supporting role; coordination across campuses; program demand, efficiency, and productivity; and program quality and improvement. The UAA process includes review at the level of the faculty, individual deans/directors, and the deans/directors as a group. The deans/directors confirm the findings and, as appropriate, recommend a smaller subset of programs for extended review. Extended reviews are completed by the end of the academic year and include specific recommendations to the Provost.

Academic Program Review in AY15

Program Prioritization: Program Prioritization reviewed all academic programs for alignment with UAA’s mission, strategic plan, and the needs of UAA’s students and the state. With the release of the findings in February 2015, faculty were charged with providing recommendations for the programs placed in categories four (transform) or five (deletion/further review). Those recommendations were submitted to the deans of each college, the deans reviewed those recommendations, and then forwarded proposed actions to the provost in May. The provost reported final decisions to the UAA community on June 18, 2015; the [provost’s memo](#) can be viewed on the [program prioritization website](#).

Annual Program Review: In AY15 UAA conducted three special program reviews. These resulted in the following decisions, which were communicated to the BOR at the June 2015 meeting.

- **AAS Digital Art (KPC)** Admissions were suspended in April 2105 with the intent to delete. Reasons: Low student enrollment, decreasing workforce demand, and upcoming retirement of the sole regular faculty member in the program.
- **AAS Computer Information and Office Systems (MATSU)** Admissions were suspended in April 2015 with the intent to delete. Reasons: Declining student enrollment and the imminent retirement of the two tenured faculty members.
- **AAS Computer Electronics (KPC)** Admissions suspended in April 2015 with the intent to delete. Reasons: Low student enrollment and lack of industry demand.

Summary of AY15 Academic Program Review Outcomes:

Decision	Number of Programs
Enhancement	0
Continuation	0
Revision	0
Continued Review	0
Suspension	3
Deletion	0

Reviews Scheduled In Current Seven-Year Cycle: Similar degrees within departments are reviewed together

AY	Reviews Scheduled	Percent of Total
AY16	18	14%
AY17	20	16%
AY18	15	12%
AY19	19	15%

AY	Reviews Scheduled	Percent of Total
AY20	20	16%
AY21	16	13%
AY22	19	15%
Total	127	100%

Detailed Listing of AY15 Academic Program Review Results.

College or Campus	Program	Program Initiation Year	Grads in Last Five Years (AY10-AY14)	Decision Type	Explanation and Date of Next Review
KPC	AAS Digital Art	2006	15	Suspension	Low student enrollment, decreasing workforce demand, and upcoming retirement of the sole regular faculty member in the program.
KPC	AAS Computer Electronics	1985	2	Suspension	Low student enrollment and lack of industry demand.
MATSU	AAS Computer Information and Office Systems	1989	21	Suspension	Declining student enrollment and the imminent retirement of two tenured faculty members.