Program/s in this review: Logistics & Supply Chain Operations Undergraduate Certificate (UC)

Specialized accrediting agency (if applicable):  

Campuses where the program is delivered: Anchorage  

Members of the program review committee:  

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1. Centrality of Program Mission and Supporting Role (700 words or less)

The LGOP Undergraduate Certificate (UC) is the second step of a three-step course of study beginning with the LGOP Occupational Endorsement Certificate (OEC) and ending with the LGOP two year AAS degree. Students that complete the five course OEC are able to continue their effort to this one-year undergraduate certificate. History and relevance of the UC is the same as the LGOP OEC as no additional LGOP classes are required for the UC. Students are required to add core classes to the requirements of a UC.

2. Program Demand (including service to other programs), Efficiency, and Productivity (7 year trend; 1400 words or less)

Data indicates that students advance to the UC at normal rates comparable to other programs. This is significant in that the LGOP OEC, the source of a number of UC students, targets non-traditional students that may lack demonstrated academic success.

3. Program Quality, Improvement and Student Success (1500 words or less)

Comments pertaining to the quality, improvement, and success of students is the same as mentioned in the five course LGOP OEC review with the exception that five additional courses which are required by catalog for the undergraduate certificate. This develops student capacity from the endorsement level with the intention of continued progress to Associate Degree level success. Students are introduced into broader communications and mathematical arenas. The additional courses required for the UC are institutional offerings not presented by LGOP instructors. This typically is the make or break level for employment focused students. Some students decide that a two-year degree requires more commitment than they can make at this time, thus the undergraduate certificate offers student success at a theoretical one-year point.

4. Program Duplication / Distinctiveness (300 words or less)

No similar program exists in the UA system.

5. Summary Analysis (500 words or less)

As with the LGOP OEC, the LGOP UC program has been self-promoted. Student numbers have increased to a self-sustaining level as student certificate progress adds demand to other university efforts. Aside from improving system efficiencies, once the LGOP OEC numbers are met, LGOP UC requires no further resources if a functioning two-year degree program option is maintained for those students that decide to continue study.