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Degree Programs
Accreditation Reporting (General)

Board Policy 507 requires institutions to maintain regional accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and to actively seek accreditation for all programs for which professional accreditation is available.

It is expected that the institutions:

- Will submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a copy of any letter received from an accrediting body stating formal action taken by the body;
- Will make available to the Commissioner of Higher Education any documents including site visit reports and other documents commonly included as part of the accreditation process;
- Will submit to the Commissioner of Higher Education a copy of the Compliance Certification Report and Quality Enhancement Plan submitted in connection with SACSCOC accreditation review (electronically if available);
- Will notify the Commissioner of Higher Education of all site visits by accreditation agencies;
- Will make a copy of any specialized accrediting agency self-study documents at the request of the Commissioner of Higher Education or Board; and
- Will give the Commissioner of Higher Education or designee an opportunity to meet with the accreditation committee and/or participate in the exit conference at the request of the accrediting agency.

Additionally, institutions are to annually report to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs each accreditation visit or change in any accreditation status between July 1st and June 30th.

Process

1. An institution shall submit one electronic copy of the Accreditation Reporting Form (to the Director of Accreditation, Office of Academic and Student Affairs by August 1st).
2. The information will be placed on the October agenda of the Chief Academic Officer’s Council meeting.
3. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the Commissioner of the information.
4. The Board of Trustees will receive the Institutional Accreditation Report as information at the November meeting.
Accreditation Reporting (No Professional Accreditation)  
Appendix 4

Periodic reviews of academic degree programs which have accreditation through professional accreditation agencies will have those reviews stand for a qualitative program review; however, the institution shall conduct a qualitative program review on a ten-year cycle for those academic degree programs which have no professional accreditation agency.

The assessment should serve to guide development of individual programs and to inform administrators making decisions about the allocation of resources. The essential elements of the program review shall include:

- Evaluation of the quality and productivity of the program;
- Evaluation of the success of the program in fulfilling its mission as defined by its internal strategic planning process;
- Evaluation of the program’s contribution to the University’s mission; and
- Recommendations for the program’s improvement.

**Process**

1. The institution will conduct a qualitative program review on a ten-year cycle for those academic degree programs which have no professional accreditation agency.

2. The university shall submit one electronic copy and one paper copy of the Assessment of Non-Professionally Accredited Degree Programs to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) no later than 30 days following the completion of the qualitative program review.

3. The submissions will be evaluated by OASA.

4. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the respective Chief Academic Officer of OASA’s evaluation of the submission no later than 30 days following the qualitative program review submission.

**Academic Productivity Review**  
Appendix 5

The Board reviews the productivity of academic programs in order to ensure effective use of State resources, reduce unnecessary academic program duplication among universities, and eliminate unproductive programs. Academic Productivity Review (APR) is triggered by the insufficiency of graduation rates as below:

- Baccalaureate Level – Graduation of eighteen (18) students over a three-year period;
- Master’s Level – Graduation of twelve (12) students over a three-year period;
- Specialist’s Level – Graduation of five (5) students over a three-year period; and
- Doctorate Level – Graduation of five (5) students over a three-year period.
For degree programs that offer more than one degree option at the same level, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) will aggregate data for all options at that level (e.g. BA/BS, MA/MFA, or EdD/PhD) before quantitative standards for productivity are applied. Baccalaureate degree programs with two-digit CIP codes 16, 23, 26, 27, 40, and 54 will be exempt from graduation of eighteen students over a three-year period as these degree programs offer courses essential to completion of the general education core.

If the program does not meet the rates above, the program will be automatically placed on stipulation and will be deleted from the API unless the university submits an Academic Productivity Review Proposal which provides a sufficient justification and corrective action plan and meets the standard within two (2) years.

New baccalaureate degree programs shall have seven (7) years to meet the graduation rate. Master’s and specialist’s degree programs shall have five (5) years to meet the graduation rates. Doctorate programs shall have six (6) years to meet graduation rate.

**Process**

1. OASA will begin the annual APR in January. Any program not meeting the standards for student demand triggers a further review.

2. OASA will notify the university in March of any program not meeting the standards for student demand.

3. By mid-July, the university shall submit to OASA one electronic copy of the Academic Productivity Review Proposal (appendix 5) for each program not meeting the standards for student demand OR the Modifications to an Existing Degree Program Proposal in order to consolidate, suspend, or delete the degree program.

4. The submissions will be evaluated by OASA.

5. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the respective Chief Academic Officer of OASA’s evaluation of the institution’s submissions in August. The recommendation may include:
   a. Continue the degree program without stipulations;
   b. Continue the degree program for a two-year period with stipulations* including completion of an annual report of progress towards productive status; or
   c. Delete the degree program.

6. The Board of Trustees will act upon any Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs’ recommendations at the October meeting.

*For programs under stipulation, annual reports are due by December 1 in the academic year following action by the Board (i.e. if the Board approves continuing the program with stipulations in October, then the 1st annual report is due December 1 of the next year.*
New Academic Program Audit
Appendix 6

All academic degree programs are subject to systematic review by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA). Moreover, recently approved programs and other select programs may be subject to more frequent reviews. The audit of recently approved academic programs ensures that the program outcomes are congruent with the Board-approved proposal.

Process

1. OASA will begin the systematic audit of recently approved academic programs by informing chief academic officers in March of the academic programs that will be audited at their respective institutions.

2. Institutions shall submit a copy of the New Academic Program Audit Proposal to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs by mid-July.

3. The submissions will be evaluated by OASA. If deemed necessary by OASA, campus visit may be scheduled to acquire additional information on the progress of the program.

4. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the respective Chief Academic Officer of OASA’s evaluation of the degree program in August.

Establishment of New Degree Programs
Appendices 7 and 8

New degree program requests are considered by the Board of Trustees at the February and November Board meetings.

When required by SACSCOC guidelines for substantive change, institutions must adhere to SACSCOC procedures for proper notification and/or approval. New degree programs that are substantive changes will not be added to the Academic Program Inventory and institutions are prohibited from admitting students until the Office of Academic and Student Affairs receives documentation that the program has been included in the scope of the institution’s accreditation.

When approved by the Board of Trustees and there are no substantive change limitations for admitting students, a new degree program shall enroll students within two academic years of approval. If the program has not enrolled students by the end of the second academic year, Board approval is rescinded, and the program will be deleted from the Academic Program Inventory.

It is expected that all new degree programs:

- Will be consistent with the role and mission of the institution;
- Will be considered only when all university degree programs within that discipline have professional accreditation (if available) and have met the minimum standards of productivity;
Will be considered only when professional accreditation will be sought for this program (if available);
Will require no more than 124 credit hours towards graduation if the request is for an undergraduate program, unless it meets the standard for exception;
Will be consistent with the curricula of similar programs in this discipline and will meet any licensing or certification needs;
Will meet local, state, regional, and national educational, societal, or cultural needs;
Will not be unnecessarily duplicative of other programs within the System;
Will be funded through documented resources; and
Will include procedures for program effectiveness.

**Process**

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Modifications to Existing Degree Programs
Appendices 9a, 9b, or 9c

Modifications to existing degree program requests are considered by the Board of Trustees at the April and October Board meetings. This type of request includes any renaming, consolidation, suspension, or deletion of a degree program. (Changes to Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes require no formal action by the Board of Trustees but rather require the approval of the Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs.)

It is expected that all renaming of existing degree programs:
- Will be consistent with the role and mission of the institution;
- Will be consistent with the curriculum of the present program; and
- Will not be unnecessarily duplicative of other programs within the System.

It is expected that all consolidations of existing degree programs:
- Will be consistent with the role and mission of the institution;
- Will be considered only when all university degree programs within that discipline have professional accreditation (if available) and have met the minimum standards of productivity;
- Will be considered only when professional accreditation will be sought for this program (if available);
- Will require no more than 124 credit hours towards graduation if the request is for an undergraduate program unless it meets the standard for exception;
- Will be consistent with the curricula of similar programs in this discipline and will meet any licensing or certification needs;
- Will meet local, state, regional, and national educational, societal, or cultural needs;
- Will not be unnecessarily duplicative of other programs within the System; and
- Will include procedures for program effectiveness.

It is expected that all suspensions of existing degree programs:
- Will be consistent with the role and mission of the institution; and
- Will affect a minimum number of students and faculty.

NOTE: The suspension of a program means that the program remains an authorized program at the institution, but new students are not permitted to enroll. A program may be suspended, without obtaining Board approval, for a period not to exceed three academic years and may subsequently be reinstated by the institution within that period. However, OASA must be advised of such actions. If the program has not been reactivated by the end of the third academic year, the program will be deleted from the Academic Program Inventory.

It is expected that all deletions of existing degree programs:
- Will be consistent with the role and mission of the institution; and
- Will affect a minimum number of students, faculty, and staff.
Process

1. A university requesting modifications to an existing degree program shall submit one electronic copy of the *Modifications to an Existing Degree Program Proposal* to the OASA two months prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected (the 1st of February or July prior to the respective Board meeting).

2. Request for modifications to an existing degree program will be evaluated by OASA during the two months prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected and placed on the agenda of the Chief Academic Officer’s Council meeting one month prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

3. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the respective Chief Academic Officer of OASA’s evaluation of the requests for modifications to an existing degree program during the month prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

4. If the Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs renders a positive decision, the requests for modification to an existing academic degree program will be placed on the Board of Trustees’ agenda.

Implementation of Distance Learning Degree Programs
Appendix 10

All distance learning programs shall be in accord with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) *Principles of Accreditation* and Southern Regional Education Board *Principles of Good Practice*. Unless otherwise provided, all Board and university policies, standards, and guidelines for on and off campus instruction apply to distance learning. (If the distance learning program is a new degree program rather than an extension of a degree program already approved by the Board of Trustees, an Authorization to Plan must be completed.)

It is expected that all distance learning degree programs:

- Will be consistent with the role and mission of the institution;
- Will be considered only when all university degree programs within that discipline have professional accreditation (if available) and have met the minimum standards of productivity;
- Will be considered only when professional accreditation will be sought for this program (if available);
- Will require no more than 124 credit hours towards graduation if the request is for an undergraduate program unless it meets the standard for exception;
- Will be consistent with the curricula of similar programs in this discipline and will meet any licensing or certification needs;
- Will meet local, state, regional, and national educational, societal, or cultural needs;
- Will not be unnecessarily duplicative of other programs within the System;
- Will be funded through documented resources;
- Will include procedures for program effectiveness; and
Will take into account Board Policy 201.0507 (especially, sections D, E, and I).

Process

1. A university requesting to offer a degree program by distance learning shall submit one electronic copy of the Report of Intent to Offer an Existing Degree Program by Distance Learning to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA). If the Report is insufficient or unsubstantiated information is provided, OASA may seek clarification or further information from the institution.

2. The Report will be evaluated by OASA.

3. The Report will be placed on the agenda of the Chief Academic Officer’s Council meeting.

4. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the respective Chief Academic Officer of OASA’s evaluation of the Report.

5. The Board of Trustees will receive as information the Report of Intent at the appropriate meeting.

Establishment of Certificate Programs
Appendix 16

The establishment or modifications of certificate programs require no formal action by the Board of Trustees; however, the Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs should be informed of any certificate programs that carry academic credit in order that the programs are placed on the academic program inventory. The letter shall include the college/school/department in which the certificate program is to be located; name of the certificate; CIP code of the certificate; and number of credit hours for completion.

All certificate programs should follow the guidelines below:

- Certificate programs shall be consistent with the mission of the institution.
- Certificate programs shall be consistent with degree programs offered by the institution.
- Certificate programs shall require students to meet admission requirements of the institution.
- Certificate programs shall not exceed the level of courses offered by the institution.
- Certificate programs shall be greater than 9 but no more than 59 semester hours.
- Institutions offering certificate programs will maintain enrollment and completion data as part of the students’ record.
- Certificate programs are submitted to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.
Off-Campus Academic Programs
Appendix 11

Off-campus academic programs are defined as those programs that are delivered partially or entirely away from an IHL university campus and the mode of delivery involves a physical presence of IHL faculty or staff providing instruction away from a university campus location. This does not include distance learning degree programs.

Process

1. A university shall submit one copy of the Off-Campus Academic Programs Reporting Form to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) in September.

2. The OASA will maintain a listing of off-campus academic programs and location(s) where these programs are offered.

3. A report of new off-campus programs is presented to the Board for information at the November meeting; this report will be placed on the IEO and CAO meeting agendas in the month prior to presentation to the Board.
Academic Units
Establishment of New Academic Units
Appendix 12

New academic unit requests are considered by the Board of Trustees at the April and October Board meetings. This type of request includes any new departments, schools, colleges, centers, and institutes.

It is expected that all new academic units:
- Will be consistent with the role and mission of the institution;
- Will be considered only when all degree programs within the proposed unit have professional accreditation (if available) and have met the minimum standards of productivity (if professional accreditation is not available);
- Will not result in the expansion of the institution’s academic degree program inventory;
- Will be consistent with the academic unit structures of peer institutions; and
- Will be funded through documented resources.

Process

1. A university requesting a new academic unit shall submit one electronic copy and one paper copy of the New Academic Unit Proposal to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) two months prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected (the 1st of February or July prior to the respective Board meeting). If the proposal is insufficient or unsubstantiated information is provided, OASA may seek clarification or further information from the institution.

2. New academic unit requests will be evaluated by OASA during the two months prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

3. New academic unit requests will be placed on the agenda of the Chief Academic Officer’s Council meeting one month prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

4. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the respective Chief Academic Officer of OASA’s evaluation of the new academic unit request during the month prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

5. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will make a recommendation to the Commissioner during the month prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

6. The Commissioner will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees in the respective month at which action is expected.

7. The Board of Trustees will act upon new academic unit requests at the appropriate meeting.
Modifications to Existing Academic Units
Appendices 13a, 13b, or 13c

Modifications to existing academic unit requests are considered by the Board of Trustees at the April and October Board meetings. This type of request includes any renaming, reorganization, or deletion of departments, schools, colleges, centers and institutes.

It is expected that all renaming and reorganization of existing academic units:

- Will be consistent with the role and mission of the institution;
- Will be considered only when all degree programs within the proposed unit have professional accreditation (if available) and have met the minimum standards of productivity (if professional accreditation is not available);
- Will not result in the expansion of the institution’s academic degree program inventory;
- Will be consistent with the academic unit structures of peer institutions; and
- Will be funded through documented resources.

It is expected that all deletions of existing academic units:

- Will be consistent with the role and mission of the institution; and
- Will affect a minimum number of students, faculty, and staff.

Process

1. A university requesting to modify an existing academic unit shall submit one electronic copy and one paper copy of the Modifications to an Existing Academic Unit Proposal to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) two months prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected. If the proposal is insufficient or unsubstantiated information is provided, OASA may seek clarification or further information from the institution.

2. Requests for modifications to an existing academic unit will be evaluated by OASA during the two months prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

3. Requests for modifications to an existing academic unit will be placed on the agenda of the Chief Academic Officer’s Council meeting one month prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

4. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the respective Chief Academic Officer of OASA’s evaluation of the requests for modifications to an existing academic unit during the month prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

5. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will make a recommendation to the Commissioner during the month prior to the Board meeting at which action is expected.

6. The Commissioner will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees in the respective month at which action is expected.

7. The Board will act upon new academic unit requests at the appropriate meeting.
Organizational Charts

Board Policy 301.0803 requires institutions to maintain current organizational charts with the Board.

**It is expected that these charts:**

- Will identify academic positions down to the department head level; and
- Will identify non-academic positions down to two (2) levels.

**Process**

A university shall submit one electronic copy of the *Institutional Organizational Chart* to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs (OASA) annually by the 1st of August.
Tenure
Post Tenure Review  
Appendix 14

For tenured faculty, the outcomes of the annual performance review are determined by post-tenure review policy. If overall performance is satisfactory or better, faculty remain in the regular annual performance review process. If the performance of a tenured faculty member is found to be unsatisfactory during a specified timeframe, the faculty member is required to enter a faculty development plan.

The faculty development plans are developed collaboratively by the faculty member, peers and administrators of the unit. The plans state goals with monitoring and benchmarks.

Failure to meet plan objectives leads to sanctions which may include:

- Reassignment of Duties;
- Revocation of Tenure;
- Reduction in Academic Rank and Salary;
- Involuntary Leave; and/or
- Termination of Employment.

Each institution shall have post-tenure review policies and procedures:

- Consistent with the institution's mission and priorities;
- Linked to annual review policies and procedures. Institutional post-tenure review policies and procedures may require a periodic review of all tenured faculty, a review of individual faculty triggered by one or more unsatisfactory annual reviews, or a combination of periodic and triggered reviews;
- Providing for systematic and comprehensive assessments of performance, peer involvement in the post-tenure review process, and opportunities for faculty development;
- Specifying the consequences of unsatisfactory performance, including termination of service as provided in Board of Trustees Policy 403.0104; and
- Providing for appeals by aggrieved faculty.

Process

1. A university shall annually submit one paper copy of the Institutional Post Tenure Review Reporting Form for the preceding academic year to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs by the 1st of June. If the form is insufficient or unsubstantiated information is provided, OASA may seek clarification or further information from the institution.

2. The information will be sent to the Chief Academic Officer’s Council in August.

3. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the Commissioner of the information.

4. The Board of Trustees will receive the Post Tenure Review Report as information at the August meeting (Board Policy 401.0103).
Note: Board Policy 407.01 mandates that all faculty must be evaluated annually. Based on data submitted in the yearly Institutional Post Tenure Review Reporting Form, if a tenured faculty member did not receive an annual evaluation, explain why the annual evaluation did not occur in the comments section of the yearly Institutional Post Tenure Review Reporting Form.

Tenure Report
Appendix 15

OASA will compile tenure reports to document the tenure success rate for tenure-track faculty at each IHL institution.

Process

1. A university shall submit annually one copy of the Tenure Reporting Form (Appendix 15) to OASA by the 1st of June. If the form is insufficient or unsubstantiated information is provided, OASA may seek clarification or further information from the institution.

2. The information will be sent to the Chief Academic Officer’s Council in July.

3. The Associate Commissioner of Academic and Student Affairs will apprise the Commissioner of the information.

4. The Board of Trustees will receive the Tenure Report as information at the August meeting.

Note: For a specific yearly tenure report, institutions should report faculty that received tenure from within the cohort of tenure-track faculty hired in the appropriate academic year (see below).

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Academic Program Inventory

The Classification of Instructional Programs Edition 20`9 (CIP) is used to classify all degree programs into major discipline divisions. Currently, there are 33 CIP codes used within the System's Academic Program Inventory (API).

Within the API, the discipline divisions are specified at the two-digit CIP code level and the degree programs are represented at the six-digit CIP code level. The API includes all degree programs which have been approved by the Board for implementation at the respective universities.

A degree program is a course of study with a prescribed set of requirements which a student must complete. It is identified by a specific degree title and a specific major subject matter area. The name of the major must reflect accurately the skills, competencies, and knowledge to be attained in the course of studies.

Distance Learning

Distance learning may be defined as “institutionally based formal education where the learning group is separated and where interactive communications systems are used to connect instructors, learners, and resources” (The Quarterly Review of Distance Education) or “the acquisition of knowledge and skills through mediated information and instruction, encompassing all technologies and other forms of learning at a distance” (United States Distance Learning Association).

A synchronous learning environment supports live, two-way oral and/or visual communications between the instructor and the student (constrained by time but not place) while an asynchronous learning environment is when communication between the instructor and the student is not real-time (constrained by neither time nor place).

Presently, a course is considered a distance learning course when at least 50% of the course is available via technology-based instruction while a program is considered to be a distance learning program when at least 50% of the program is available via technology-based instruction.

Academic Organizational Structure

Colleges and Schools are the “macro” organizational entity for collections of academic units. Their budgets are generally large, and the academic head of a college is generally a dean.

Departments are the primary academic, operational, and administrative organizational units. Departments are organized around common and similar academic areas, and generally command notable budgets. Faculty numbers could range from small to large (twenty or more faculty).

Centers and institutes with Extensive Scope and Outreach (ESO) are broadly focused administrative entities having larger numbers of faculty and staff associated with them. The budgets for ESO centers or institutes are generally large and the activities of these administrative units are often multi-institutional, serve larger geographical regions across the state and beyond, and involve more colleagues, often from several distinct academic and professional fields. Each ESO organizational entity has at least a statewide mission, and they often connect to several Mississippi institutions as well as agencies outside of Mississippi.
Centers and institutes with Limited Scope and Outreach (LSO) are narrowly focused administrative entities having few faculty and staff associated with them. The budgets for LSO centers or institutes are generally small and the activities of these administrative units are often primarily within a single university. The outreach of this type of center or institute usually involves only the single university where the unit is housed, appropriate professional organizations, and local communities.
Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP)
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