Department / Program Review
Update

UW Board of Trustees Meeting
January 21, 2016
Program Reviews

- Where do we start?
  - Low enrolled programs
- Eventually, ALL programs will be reviewed on a regular basis
Program Review Criteria

• How Productive is the Program?
  • Enrollment
  • Graduates over previous 5 years
Program Review Criteria

- Production Thresholds
  - Bachelor’s Degree
    - 5 or 10 graduates per year
    - 25 or 50 during 5-year period
Program Review Criteria

• Production Thresholds
• Master’s Degree
  • 3 or 5 graduates per year
  • 15 or 25 during 5-year period
Program Review Criteria

- Production Thresholds
  - Professional or Doctoral Degree
    - 1 or 2 graduates per year
    - 5 or 10 during 5-year period
Program Review Criteria

- **Is the Program of High Quality?**
  - Program Accreditation
  - Credentials of the Faculty
  - Program Reputation
  - Assessment of Learning
  - Strategic Plan
Program Review Criteria

• **Does the Program Advance the Mission of the UW?**
  • How does the program support the mission?
  • How does the program support other programs?
  • Graduate placement/hiring data for disciplines critical to the state/region?
  • Uniqueness/Duplication of the program across the UW
Program Review Criteria

• **Cost:** Is the Program Financially Viable?
  • Ratio of student credit hours per FTE
  • Direct institutional expenditures
  • Course enrollments
  • Faculty course load
  • Research expenditures per tenured/tenure-track faculty
Program Review Options

- **Retain Due to Critical Need**
  - Fulfills workforce need in WY
  - If low enrollment:
    - Proposed steps to increase enrollment
Program Review Options

- **Retain with Further Review Required**
  - Program serves a specific function central to UW’s mission BUT needs to show improvement
  - If low enrollment:
    - Proposed steps to increase enrollment
Program Review Options

• **Consolidate with Another Program**
  • Within or Across College (e.g. UW-C)
  • Evidence of anticipated increase in enrollment / graduation rates
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  • Shifts in a field of study
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Timeline for Program Elimination (per UW Regulation 6-43)

• **10 days**...for VPAA to distribute proposal
• **60 days**...for responses to be submitted to VPAA
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• **60 days**...for reviews/recommendations to be submitted to VPAA
• **30 days**...for VPAA to make recommendation to the President