

Department / Program Review Update

UW Board of Trustees Meeting

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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

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



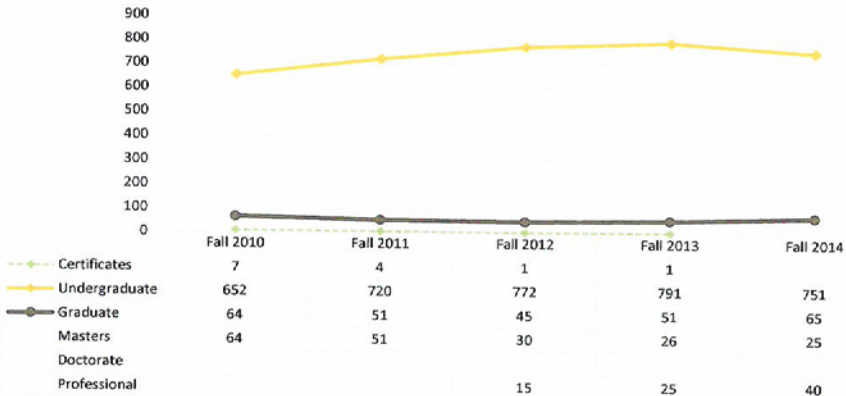
Program Review Criteria

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

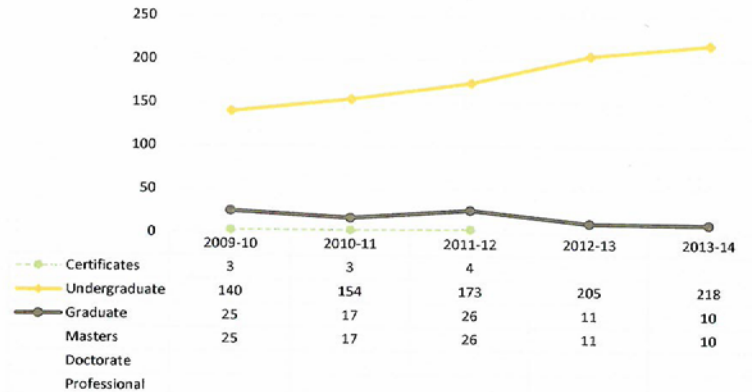


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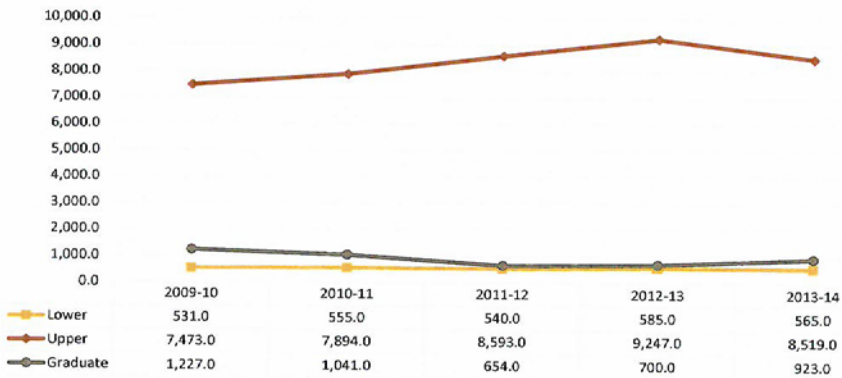
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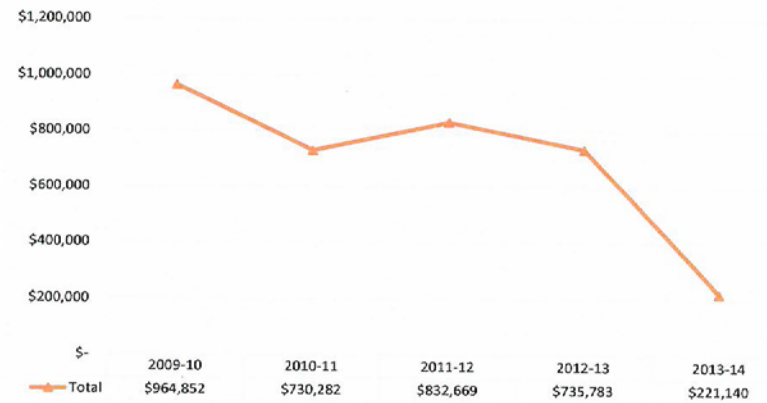
Number of Degrees Awarded Primary & Secondary



Student Credit Hours Based on Faculty Home Department



Amount of Grants Awarded



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

