

TITLE: Statewide Academic Program Review Policy

RECOMMENDATION: The Academic & Strategic Initiatives (ASI) Committee recommends the Council approve the revised Academic Program Review Policy.

PRESENTER: Lori Harper, Chair of the ASI Committee

COMMITTEE REVIEW & APPROVAL

The ASI Committee reviewed and approved the revised Academic Program Review Policy at its June 8, 2021 meeting.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The academic program review process is a key responsibility of the Council on Postsecondary Education. The process ensures that academic programs are consistent with state and institutional strategic priorities and that public resources are used efficiently for the greater good of the Commonwealth.

Specifically, KRS 164.020 (16) outlines four criteria for statewide academic program review to determine:

- Consistency with the institution's mission;
- Alignment with the state's strategic postsecondary agenda and implementation plan.
- Elimination of unnecessary duplication of programs within and among institutions.
- Efforts to create cooperative programs with other institutions through traditional means, or by use of distance learning technology and electronic resources, to achieve effective and efficient program delivery.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Over the past two years, all universities reviewed all baccalaureate programs using a methodology developed by Gray Associates, which produced a new baseline academic

portfolio in the state. The proposed process going forward combines the analytical tools developed in the past two years with existing institutional processes to continue the focus on institutional mission alignment, unnecessary duplication, and efficiency and integrates a greater emphasis on alignment with the statewide postsecondary strategic agenda.

NEXT STEPS

Following approval, the policy would become effective on July 1, 2021.