



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE
RECOMMENDATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM
ENHANCEMENT AND EFFECTIVENESS INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, The Plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future includes the following goal and strategies:

Goal: Develop a Culture of Assessment that Ensures the Quality of Academic Program Majors, Minors and Other Credentials

Strategies: Complete program effectiveness and enhancement review including rubrics for recommendations regarding actionable outcomes;

Develop a mechanism to continually identify, assess, and implement new academic programs, badges, credentials, certifications, or coursework integration; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees provided guidance via various Resolutions, including endorsing the use of an external firm to support implementing the “program effectiveness and enhancement review,” with the Board having been updated at previous meetings regarding the Initiative that is now called the Academic Program Enhancement and Effectiveness Initiative (APEEI); and

WHEREAS, there has been substantial engagement with the faculty during this process, particularly beginning in February culminating in program-level and dean-level recommendations associated with APEEI; and

WHEREAS, during this process, a Dashboard for each program has been developed considering the mission of the program as well as information pertaining to markets from the perspectives of student interest, available jobs, and higher education competition, as well as program economic indicators at the instructional levels; and

WHEREAS, the Dashboard also contains academic excellence metrics that are lead-indicators to the Board’s to be adopted Key Performance (lag) Indicators; and

WHEREAS, all of this information as well as multiple opportunities for faculty input into the process supporting shared governance has culminated in recommendations related to the academic programs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the recommendations associated with APEEI below be accepted by the Board of Trustees; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board anticipates an Enrollment Report soon after the fourteenth day of classes for Fall 2021 that is associated with APEEI setting the stage for continuous assessment, evaluation, and improvement of the Academic Portfolio that contributes to student futures and lifelong learning, academic excellence and discovery of knowledge, and collective impact with the region all of which in concert substantially contribute to institutional sustainability.

Academic Program Enhancement and Effectiveness Initiative

Office of Academic Affairs

Recommendations to the Board of Trustees

6/2/2021

1. OAA will prioritize program resource allocation aligned with the findings of APEEI and the Plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of our Future.
2. OAA will work with Senate and the Graduate Council to conduct an impact study on programs that have been identified for Sunset, designated as inactive, or to reduce complexity of the academic programs.
3. OAA recommendations related to item #2 above will be presented to the Academic Excellence & Student Success Committee of the Board in September, 2021.