

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia Agenda Item

Item: #6.d – Update on Program Viability Process

Date of Meeting: March 16, 2010

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Most Recent Review/Action:

- No previous Council review/action
 Previous review/action

Date: May 12, 2009

Action: Council approved an amendment to the existing program productivity/viability policy whereby newly approved programs would be reviewed following their fifth year of existence.

Background Information/Summary of Major Elements:

At its May 12, 2009 meeting, Council passed a resolution to supplement the SCHEV quinquennial program productivity/viability review process with a specialized annual review:

Annual review of recently approved programs at four-year institutions and Richard Bland College

SCHEV shall annually review recently approved programs when they have completed their fifth year of existence (except for years when the regular quinquennial review occurs). For any such program not achieving SCHEV viability standards by the fifth year, the institution shall elect either to close the program or to submit a plan for bringing it up to standard within a specified time frame. Council will receive a report on and approve the results of this annual review as it does for the regular quinquennial review.

The attached table shows the results of public institution programs (exclusive of the Virginia Community College System) reaching their fifth year of existence in the 2008-09 academic year. The table shows eight programs at five institutions, all of which have achieved applicable SCHEV viability standards. Since all delineated programs have met SCHEV standards, there is no action for Council to consider as a result of this year's program productivity/viability review.

Materials Provided:

- Table: *Program Viability Annual Review: Programs Reaching 5th Year of Enrollment in 2008-09*

Financial Impact: N/A

Timetable for Further Review/Action: Staff anticipates reporting to Council in March 2011 on the next annual program productivity/viability review.

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 Program Viability Annual Review: Programs Reaching 5th Year of Enrollment in 2008-09

| 1 Institution | 2 Degree Level | 3 Title | 4 Met All Standards? | 5 | | | 6 Recommendation |
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| | | | | FTE Majors | FTE Service | FTE Grads | |
| CNU | Bachelor | Communication | Yes | | | | N/A |
| GMU | Bachelor | Conflict Analysis & Resolution | Yes | | | | N/A |
| GMU | Master | Arts Management | Yes | | | | N/A |
| JMU | Bachelor | Justice Studies | Yes | | | | N/A |
| JMU | Master | Nursing | Yes | | | | N/A |
| VCU | Bachelor | Bioinformatics | Yes | | | | N/A |
| VCU | Bachelor | Environmental Studies | Yes | | | | N/A |
| VT | Master | Communication | Yes | | | | N/A |

If No, →