

Report of the Academic Planning Council to the University Council 2019-2020

The Academic Planning Council (APC) is charged by the University *Constitution and Bylaws* with assisting the executive vice president and provost in developing academic priorities and plans for the university, conducting the regular reviews of academic programs and centers, and addressing other academic issues related to the university mission, including the establishment of priorities in budgeting. The Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Personnel Committee of the NIU Board of Trustees review the materials and recommendations that emerge from the work of the APC. The Board of Trustees approves any programmatic items requiring board action prior to being forwarded to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE).

The Program Review Report will be submitted to the IBHE in August 2020. The report will focus on maintaining quality through continuous program improvement.

The programs in the College of Business scheduled for review in 2019-2020 were the:

- B.S. in Accountancy
- M.A.S. Master of Accounting Science
- Master of Science in Taxation
- M.A.C. Master of Accountancy

The programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences for review in 2019-2020 were the:

- B.S. in Applied Management
- B.A./B.S. in English
- M.A. in English
- Ph.D. in English
- B.S. in Mathematical Sciences
- M.S. in Mathematics
- Ph.D. in Mathematical Sciences
- M.S. in Statistics

The programs in the College of Education scheduled for review in 2019-2020 were the:

- B.S. in Applied Management
- M.S.Ed. in Educational Administration
- Ed.S. in Educational Administration
- Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies
- M.S.Ed. in Educational Psychology
- Ph.D. in Educational Psychology
- M.S. in Educational Research and Evaluation
- M.S.Ed. in Instructional Technology
- Ph.D. in Instructional Technology
- M.S.Ed. in School Business Management

The programs in the College of Health and Human Sciences scheduled for review in 2019-2020 were the:

- B.S. in Hospitality and Tourism Management

B.S. in Nutrition, Dietetics and Wellness
M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics

The faculty members of the APC work in subcommittees charged with the responsibility for intensive reviews of the programs scheduled in the review cycle. They meet with college and departmental representatives to discuss the program review documents and then report their findings and recommendations for future action at a meeting of the full APC. Deans, chairs, and other departmental representatives attend meetings in order to respond to the subcommittee reports and answer questions from the APC.

The APC subcommittee reports serve as a basis for the final revisions of the program reviews and for the recommendations for the future. Two subcommittees reviewed programs in 2019-2020. The chair position for each of the subcommittees was rotated through all members in 2019-2020.

The APC met a total of five times beginning on September 23, 2019 and ending on March 2, 2020. The agenda is dictated by the program review schedule, and broader topics that need discussion.

The APC endorsed the proposal for the following new programs: the Ph.D. in Kinesiology and Physical Education within the College of Education; the B.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering within the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology; and the Specialist in School Psychology and the B.A./B.S. in Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Other items of business discussed by the APC included changes to the APC membership and duties and the decentralization of Program Review.

Summaries of the program reviews conducted in 2019-2020 will be forwarded to the NIU Board of Trustees and the IBHE in August 2020. These materials are available upon request from the provost's office (753.8378).

Respectfully submitted,



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