

Discontinuance of an Academic Program

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An Academic program is defined for this purpose as a sequence of courses leading to a degree.

1. Each campus shall have written procedures, approved by the Chancellor, for the discontinuance of academic programs.

These campus procedures are to be based on the following general provisions, insofar as possible:

a. A proposal to discontinue an academic program will ordinarily be the result of a regular or ad hoc review of the program.

b. The review shall include broad consultation with groups or persons likely to be affected by the discontinuance, including enrolled students.

c. The proposal shall specify mechanisms to permit enrolled students to earn their degrees.

d. The president shall review the proposal with the advice of the campus academic senate and/or appropriate representative committees constituted for this task.

2. All proposals for program discontinuation are subject to review by the Chancellor. This review will be conducted within the following guidelines:

a. The campus president shall inform the Chancellor of the proposed discontinuation.

b. The Chancellor will review the proposal for systemwide effects with advice from whatever groups he deems appropriate, and may request additional information from the campus if needed for this review.

c. The Chancellor will ordinarily provide comments on all such proposals within 30 days. He will inform the President of any system concerns so that these may be considered in the final decision.

d. The President shall not take any administrative action leading to the de facto or official discontinuation of an academic program before the Chancellor has commented on the proposal.