

Expedited Process for EO 1071 Program Concentrations to Stand Alone Programs (to expire in April 2024)

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The AP&P Committee moves that the Senate adopt the following temporary policy for expedited review of concentrations, special emphases (and similar subprograms) and minors seeking to be elevated to stand alone programs without any additional curricular changes. This will be added as a footnote to the Curriculum Changes, Undergraduate and Graduate section of the Policy File and will expire after AY 23-24.

1. After consultation with the Department/School Curriculum Committee and faculty, Chair/Director or chair/director's designee initiates the program elevation form in Curriculog. This shall include a plan for deactivation of the existing concentration or specialization and a teach-out plan for the remaining students. Curriculum services will submit a Subchange Screening Form for WSCUC on behalf of the department.
2. The Elevation proposal is evaluated by the College Curriculum Committee to ensure that the degree requirements and other Catalog items are exactly the same as the original concentration or specialization.
3. The Dean evaluates the proposal to ensure that adequate resources are available within the college to support the elevation. Since all these programs already exist and are being offered, the Dean should ensure that separation of the concentration or specialization into its own degree does not cause complications with advising.
4. Elevations approved by the College and Dean that do not include any other curriculum changes are forwarded to SEC and the Senate for approval.
5. Approved proposals for elevation are forwarded to the Chancellor's Office.
6. Once the Chancellor's Office approves of the elevation, the program will be forwarded to CAL State Apply for inclusion in the application process.

Rationale: In 2017, the Chancellor's Office of the CSU passed Executive Order 1071 "Delegation of Authority to Approve Options, Concentrations, Special Emphases (and Similar Subprograms) and Minors." EO 1071 mandates that, "To ensure valid reporting to the National Center for Education Statistics through the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, an option, concentration, or special emphasis (or similar subprogram) must constitute less than one half of the units required in the major program." As such, all of our programs that have concentrations or emphasis must share 50%+1 with the main degree. Further guidance from the Chancellor's Office noted that campus should have 1071 modifications completed by April 2024.

As of August 26, 2021, per information from the Chancellor's Office, San Diego State University has 186 programs out of compliance with EO 1071. These programs will all need to undergo curriculum modifications to bring them into compliance with 1071, be deactivated, or be elevated to stand-alone degrees. Given the amount of curriculum work to be done, the now very 10 short time frame in which to comply with 1071, the division of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accreditation suggests that programs where the only change made is an elevation to a stand alone degree undergo an expedited review process as outlined below. This process will be in place from January 2022 through April 2024 only.

Please note that, per the Chancellor's Office, "Campuses may mention proposed new degree programs (including concentration or option elevations to full programs) in recruitment material if it is specified that enrollment in the proposed program is contingent on authorization from the CSU Chancellor's Office."