OVERVIEW

Academic Program Planning and Review
The Role of the Board of Regents

Chapter 36:
- The Board determines educational programs to be offered.
- UWSA recommends new academic programs to the Board.

Board Policy (ACIS 1) The Board approves:
- Authorization to implement a new program.
- Establishment/change in mission
- Establishment/renaming/elimination of a college/school/division.
New Academic Program Approval Process

- Entitlement to Plan.
- Authorization to implement.
- Implementation.
- Joint Review.
Entitlement to Plan

- Request from Provost(s) addressing:
  - Need and market demand.
  - Relation to institutional mission.
  - Relation to other UW System programs.
  - Resources needed and projected source of resources.

- Circulated to all Provosts for review.
- Entitlement decision by UWSA.
Authorization to Implement

- Development of Proposal.
- Review of proposal by:
  - 2 outside experts.
  - Campus governance committees.
  - 3-person joint Program Review Committee.
- Submission of proposal to UWSA by Provost.
- Recommendation to Board of Regents.
  - Education Committee first reading.
  - Recommendation to full Board.
Joint Review

- Five years following implementation.
- 3-person Joint Review Committee.
- Review by two outside experts.
- Provost recommends continuation, modification or discontinuation.
- Final decision by UWSA.
- Approved programs undergo regular institutional program review.
Summary Observations

- New program development ensures quality.
- New programs supported through reallocation of resources.
- Continuous institutional review and accreditation ensures continuous improvement.
- Size of UWS program array has been constant over time, content has not.
- Significant activity at the sub-major level.