



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.