



Item: AS: A-3

Thursday, November 15, 2012

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROGRAM REVIEW - DOROTHY F. SCHMIDT COLLEGE OF
ARTS AND LETTERS**

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval of program review for the following programs in the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters:

- a) School of Communication and Multimedia Studies
- b) English
- c) History
- d) Interdisciplinary Studies
- e) Jewish Studies
- f) Languages, Linguistics, and Comparative Literature
- g) Philosophy

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Under Florida Board of Governors Regulation 8.015 adopted March 29, 2007, all academic degree programs in the State University System must be reviewed at least every seven years. Program reviews ensure that academic programs are administered and delivered effectively, efficiently, and consistent with FAU's mission and the Board of Governors' strategic priorities. The results of program reviews are expected to inform strategic planning, program development, and budgeting decisions at the university level, and when appropriate, at the state level.

Academic Program Review at FAU was modified in 2011-12 to include a pilot project aimed at making the process more effective and included a few additional steps:

- The self-study prepared by the program's department will be submitted to an independent review committee comprised of 2-5 individuals. The committee will include at least one external reviewer who will serve as a content expert in the discipline. Other members will include nominees of the provost, vice president for research and reps from the college's curriculum committee.
- The external reviewer will conduct a day and a half site-visit. A written report of the reviewer's findings will be submitted to the program's review committee.

- A summary of each program review will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Academic program review summary reports are provided to the BOG through an electronic standardized template and include the following information: a description of the mission and purpose of the program, major changes from the last program review, findings (which include strengths and weaknesses), and recommendations. Student Learning Outcomes (formerly ALCs) for each department undergoing program review are submitted in conjunction with the program review summaries.

A complete set of documentation including each department's self-study, program review committee report, and summary can be accessed through the Division of Strategic Planning and Information Technology website at: <http://www.fau.edu/iea/programreview.php>

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN/DATE

Academic Program Review summaries will be submitted to the BOG in December 2012 pending full Board approval.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

Supporting Documentation:

2012 Academic Program Review Summaries

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