

Section 13. Program & Organizational Unit Proposals

GUIDELINES

Board policy dictates the creation of degrees, majors, programs, or organizational units must be approved by the Board of Regents. Flexibility is given to the institutions to implement minor changes without Board approval. In cases where there is an absence of significant

11. Name change to an organizational unit, center, or institute that is the result of a significant reorganization of existing units, consolidation, or change in mission;
12. Deletion of any degree, major, primary field of study, school or college, center, institute or other organizational unit; and
13. Deactivation of a previously approved degree, major or primary field of study that an institution wishes to place on hold.

Items Not Requiring Academic Affairs or Board Approval

1. Emphases, concentrations and/or options within a degree (except for the emphases within a BAS that require Board approval);
2. Post baccalaureate certificates of any duration; and
3. The addition or elimination of departments.

major. For example: a student majoring in Animal Science may choose to pursue an emphasis (i.e. option or concentration) in Equine Sciences or Rangeland Livestock Production.

Institute an organizational unit focusing primarily on research and scholarly activity where services are typically unrelated to internal administrative operations (this definition is the same be used for the purposes of new organizational unit

occurring at the community college versus research oriented units occurring at the universities).

Major the primary field of study within a degree characterizing the body of knowledge gained within a discipline.

Named Degree the integration of a major title into a degree title. For example, a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) is a named degree. Academic Affairs Council agreed in December 2004 that named degrees are only permitted in cases where accreditation, professional, or national recognition require it.

New Program Follow-up Board policy establishes an accountability system whereby institutions are directed to provide periodic follow-up information on cost estimates and enrollment projections provided in the program proposal process (Title 4, Chapter 14, Section

Organizational Unit a department, school, college, division, center, or institute

Primary Field of Study a term used to describe the equivalent of a major within an associate degree or bachelor of applied science degree

School generally associated with professional degrees, can be within colleges, depends upon discipline and national context, generally similar to a department but larger and usually has multiple areas representing different academic programs

Study Abroad formal affiliation or consortium involving students or faculty in another country for educational purposes in which academic credit is granted. Faculty or student exchanges which involve a limited number of people for a period of less than one semester and international arrangements for the purposes of research are excluded from this definition. (Added 6/05; A. 3/06, 8/07, 4/09, 12/10, 9/11, 3/13, 9/14, 12/15, 12/17, 12/19, 6/21)