ROUTING FORM FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO ACADEMIC POLICY, CURRICULUM CHANGES, STATUTES
EAST GEORGIA STATE COLLEGE

NAME OF POLICY/PROPOSAL: Fusco: Creation & Elimination of Academic Programs

Attach a complete copy of the proposed change as acted upon by the APCC or Faculty Senate. If changes made to proposal prior to adopting, please note the person and governance body making the change on the proposal, initial and date the change. Copies of appropriate documentation should be attached to the form with each submission and should be retained at each level. Please indicate the type of proposal being submitted:

- New Course
- New Degree Program
- Changes to Degree Program Requirements
- Reactivate Course
- Discontinue Course
- Deactivate Degree Program
- Discontinue Degree Program
- Reactivate Degree Program
- Policy Proposal
- Policy Revision
- Statutes Revision
- Other:

ACADEMIC POLICIES AND CURRICULUM COMMITTEE (APCC)

Initiated and Submitted to APCC

Signature

Date

Dean Approval:

Signature

Date

APCC Action: Approved ___ Denied ___ Returned ___ Tabled ___

Signature of Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Chair

Comments:

5/26/2020

Date

APCC Chair submits to Faculty Senate

FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate Action: Approved ___ Denied ___ Returned ___ Tabled ___

Signature of Faculty Senate President

Comments:

5/21/2020

Date

Faculty Senate President sends to EGSC President and to the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Note: Revisions to EGSC Statutes require approval of President’s Cabinet and must be submitted to Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel for routing to President’s Cabinet and routing to President. Please indicate "EGSC Statutes revision" on this form.

President’s (or designee’s) Action: Approved ___ Denied ___ Returned ___ Tabled ___

Signature

Comments:

May 27, 2020

Date

Distribution By:

Signature

President retains original ACADEMIC POLICY/PROPOSAL ROUTING FORM

President’s Office Distributes Copies To:

Faculty Senate—President

Academic Policies & Curriculum Committee—Chair/VPASA

Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel

9/19/18
EGSC Policy Proposal: Creation and Elimination of Academic Programs

Creation of Academic Programs

Academic degree and certificate programs may be proposed within the EGSC Office of Academic Affairs. A proposed program is to be supported by a needs assessment study and sponsored by the appropriate faculty and/or administrative staff members within Academic Affairs. The internal process for approving a new academic program consists of the following steps:

1. An academic program proposal that includes a needs assessment analysis, curriculum, proposed budget and enrollment forecast is prepared by the program sponsor(s) within Academic Affairs.
2. The new academic program proposal is submitted to the appropriate school dean. The dean may request a revision of the proposal, reject the proposal, or pass the proposal on to the Academic Policies and Curriculum Committee (APCC).
3. If recommended by the school dean, the new academic program proposal is presented to the APCC. Based on its review, the APCC may request a revision of the proposal or pass the proposal on to the Faculty Senate with its recommendation to accept or reject the proposal.
4. The new academic program proposal is presented next to the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate may request a revision to the program proposal, reject it, or submit it to the Vice President of Student and Academic Affairs and the Chief of Staff/Legal Counsel for routing to the President’s Cabinet and President for review.
5. The President reviews and decides on whether to approve the new academic program proposal.
6. Academic program proposals that are approved by the President of the College are submitted to the University System of Georgia (USG) Office of Academic Affairs.

Suspension and Termination of Academic Programs

A proposal to suspend and terminate an academic degree or certificate program may be made by the program’s coordinator (associate degrees and certificates) or director (bachelor degrees), the dean of the school to which the program is assigned or by the Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. A proposal to suspend and terminate an academic program is presented to the Faculty Senate. Based on its review of the proposed program suspension and termination, the faculty Senate submits its recommendation to the APCC. Based on its review of the proposed program suspension and termination, the APCC submits its recommendation to the President’s Cabinet for an advisory vote. If the President of the College decides the academic program should be suspended and terminated, the President of the College will notify the USG Executive Chief Academic Officer at least two years prior to a formal request to terminate programs, degrees, or majors as outlined in the Academic and Student Affairs Handbook, including a teach-out plan in accordance with SACSCOC policies. An academic program may be suspended by the President of the College for a maximum of two years. By the end of the suspension period, the institution must notify the Office of Academic Programs whether the program will be reinstated or requested for termination by the USG Board of Regents.
USG Policy on Academic Program Creation and Termination

USG BOR 3.6 Creation and Elimination of Academic Programs

New degree programs to include nexus, associate, bachelor's, master’s, and doctoral degrees shall not be added to curricula of a University System of Georgia (USG) institution unless recommended by the President of the Institution and the Chancellor and approved by the Board of Regents.

The termination of academic programs, degrees, or majors shall be submitted to the Chancellor for review and recommendation for action by the Board of Regents. Institutions must notify the USG Executive Chief Academic Officer at least two years prior to a formal request to terminate programs, degrees, or majors as outlined in the Academic and Student Affairs Handbook, including a teach-out plan in accordance with SACSCOC policies.

USG BOR Academic and Student Affairs Handbook
2.3.3 Deactivation and Termination of Academic Programs

When applied to educational programs, the terms “termination” and “discontinuation” refer to the same action. Termination means that the institution is no longer authorized to offer the program. Termination requires Board approval, and subsequent reinstatement must be handled as submission of a proposal for a new program.

When applied to educational programs, the terms “temporary suspension” and “deactivation,” refer to the same action. Presidents can temporarily suspend a program for a period not to exceed two academic years, without obtaining Board approval, and may subsequently reinstate the program within that period.

However, the President of the Institution should advise the Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer of the USG or the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Programs of such actions. If the suspension has not been (or will not be) lifted (i.e., the program has not been reactivated) by the end of the second academic year, the president should take action to terminate the program. The institution’s Office of Academic Affairs will submit a request to terminate an academic program with the following information:

- Termination date to coincide with the a regularly scheduled Board meeting
- Confirmation that no students are currently matriculating through the program or confirmation that any remaining students in the program have been appropriately advised and counseled concerning degree program options
- Confirmation that termination of the program will not have an adverse impact on tenured and non-tenured faculty or students
- Rationale for terminating the program
- Length of time that the program was in a deactivated status, if at all, before requesting action to terminate

A suspended program remains an authorized program at the institution, but new students are no longer permitted to enroll. Suspended programs should not be listed in the college catalog but will remain in the Degrees and Majors Inventory of the Board with a notation that they are on a deactivated status.

For details and forms related to the deactivation and termination process, see http://www.usg.edu/academic_programs/changes/.
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