Section 4. Review of New and Existing Academic Programs

1. A review of existing academic programs shall be conducted by the universities, state college, and community colleges on at least a ten-year cycle to assure academic quality, and to determine if need, student demand, and available resources support their continuation pursuant to the following.

   a. The review of existing programs must include multiple criteria. Although criteria may vary slightly between campuses, as institutions have different missions and responsibilities, there should be comparable data from all programs. The review must include both quantitative and qualitative dimensions of program effectiveness, and peer review.

   b. Criteria to be utilized in the review of existing programs shall include the following: quality, need/demand for the program, relation to the institutional mission, cost, relationship to other programs in the System, student outcomes, and quality and adequacy of resources such as library materials, equipment, space, and nonacademic services.

   c. An annual report will be published by the institution on the results of existing program evaluations and a summary of that report will be forwarded to the Chancellor's Office and presented to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee annually.

2. New programs at the universities, state college, and community colleges shall be reviewed following the third and fifth year of the program’s existence. The criteria for review shall be established by the Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs and must include a report comparing originally projected enrollments and expenses to actual third and fifth year figures.

3. Desert Research Institute - A five-year cycle will be used for the review of all DRI research programs. A report will be published on the results of program evaluation and a summary of that report will be forwarded to the Chancellor's Office and presented to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Additional reports or status reports on DRI research programs outside of the five-year cycle may be brought forward at any time at the discretion of the Institute.

4. In addition to the review process established in this section, the Board or a President may initiate additional program reviews as deemed necessary.

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