

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS

Committee on Academic Workforce and Success

AGENDA ITEM V-S

Discussion of Coordinating Board Rules, Chapter 5, Rules Applying to Public Universities, Health-Related Institutions, and/or Selected Public Colleges of Higher Education in Texas, Subchapter B, Role and Mission, Tables of Programs, Course Inventories, Sections 5.21 - 5.25 concerning Preliminary Planning Notifications

RECOMMENDATION: Discussion item only

Background Information:

Dr. Rex C. Peebles, Assistant Commissioner for Academic Quality and Workforce, will provide a brief overview of the suggested rule changes to Chapter 5, Subchapter B, Sections 5.21 - 5.25 of Coordinating Board Rules.

Additional materials are attached.

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Chapter 5. Rules Applying to Public Universities, Health-Related Institutions, And/Or Selected Public Colleges of Higher Education in Texas

Subchapter B. Role and Mission, Planning Notification [~~Tables of Programs~~], Course Inventories

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5.21 Purpose

The purpose of this subchapter is to implement rules regarding the role and mission for each public institution of higher education in Texas and for submission of the role and mission statements, [and] submission of planning notification [~~the table of programs~~], and periodic review of all degree and certificate programs offered by a public institution of higher education. Section 5.24(a) of this title (relating to Submission of Mission Statements and Planning Notification [~~Tables of Programs~~]) applies to selected Public Colleges.

5.22 Authority

The authority for this subchapter is found in Texas Education Code, Sections 61.002(a) and (b), 61.027, 61.051(a-5), 61.0512, and 130.0012

5.23 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

(1) Planning Notification Recognition [~~Preliminary Authority Authorization~~] from the State of Texas for an institution to intend to engage in planning in order to propose a new degree programs in a given disciplinary area at a given level of instruction. The Board may request an institution and/or its system office provide an overview of the degree program they intend to engage in planning at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, prior to the institution or system office submitting a proposal to offer a new degree program. [~~The Table of Programs, defined in paragraph (8) of this section, prescribes the academic areas and levels that are recognized by the Board as being appropriate for an institution's existing role and mission.~~]

(2) Board--The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

(3) Commissioner--The Commissioner of Higher Education.

(4) Mission Statement--A narrative description of the general mission of each institution prepared by the institution and approved by its Board of Regents. The statement should address the fundamental purpose of the institution with respect to its teaching, research, and

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public service responsibilities. The institution's special concerns for quality and access, liberal arts, admissions, career-oriented programming, extension and articulation with community colleges and public schools, traditional and nontraditional education, and similar issues also may be described. The mission statement must be consistent with the ~~Table of Programs~~ and any statutory mission description.

(5) Organized classes--Classes whose primary mode of instruction is lecture, laboratory, or seminar.

(6) Planning—An institution is considered by the Board to be planning for a new degree program if it intends to engage in any action that leads to the preparation of a proposal for a new program, including but not limited to hiring personnel, including consultants and planning deans, leasing and/or purchasing real estate, building facilities, and/or developing curriculum.

(7) [(6)] Program Inventory--The official list of all degree and certificate programs approved for a public community college, university or health-related institution.

(8) [(7)] Role and Mission or Role and Scope--Equivalent phrases used to refer to the overall purpose of an institution, including its role within the overall system of Texas higher education. The role and mission [documents] for a university or health-related institution are described in its Mission Statement [and Table of Programs].

[(8) Table of Programs—A list of the university and health-related institution degree and certificate programs currently authorized using the Texas Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) system. For each category and degree program level, authorization shall be designated by a code. The codes shall indicate whether or not degree programs in a particular subject matter category have been authorized for the institution and whether or not they fall within its approved mission.]

(9) Texas Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) Coding System--The Texas adaptation of the federal Classification of Instructional Programs taxonomy developed by the National Center for Education Statistics and used nationally to classify instructional programs and report educational data.

(10) Selected Public Colleges--Those public colleges authorized to offer baccalaureate degrees in Texas.

(11) Statutory mission description--A statement of an institution's mission or purpose that is established directly in statute.

5.24 Submission of Mission Statements and Planning Notification ~~[Table of Programs]~~

(a) When submitting a notification of its intent to plan to add a degree program (baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral) to the institution's program inventory ~~[Table of Programs]~~, an institution of higher education shall first be available to address the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting and shall submit information to the Board including the title of the proposed program, level, [and] Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) Code,[and] provide a brief description of the proposed program including anticipated costs and revenues during the

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first five years, and identify the existing or new administrative unit in which the proposed program would be offered. Planning Notification must occur prior to an institution submitting a proposal for a new degree program that requires Board approval.

(b) Review Process.

(1) As provided by Texas Education Code, §61.051(a-5) and §61.052, the Board shall regularly review the role and mission statements, ~~[the table of programs,]~~ and all similar degree and certificate programs offered by each public senior university or health related institution. ~~[The review shall include the participation of the institution's board of regents.]~~

(2) The Boards ~~[Board]~~ of Regents shall approve or re-approve institutional mission statements. Each ~~[The]~~ Board of Regents shall provide the Coordinating Board with a ~~[copy of]~~ its current institutional mission statements after any change has been approved ~~[by the Board of Regents].~~

(3) Notification of planning, which may require an institution to address the Board prior to submitting a proposal for a new degree program, ~~is [not]~~ required if a degree program meets any ~~[all]~~ of the following conditions:

(A) The proposed program would cost more than \$2 million during its first five years of operation ~~[has institutional and Board of Regents approval].~~

(B) The proposed program is a ~~[non]~~ doctoral program.

(C) The proposed program is an engineering ~~[a non-engineering]~~ program ~~[(i.e., not classified under CIP code 14)].~~

(D) The program would be a baccalaureate program offered by a community college ~~[university or health-related institution].~~

(E) The proposed program would be a program leading to the award of a "professional degree," as defined by Texas Education Code 61.306, including Doctor of Medicine (M.D.), Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.), Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.), Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (D.V.M.), Juris Doctor (J.D.), and Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.). Institutions of higher education that seek to offer such degrees must submit Planning Notification one year prior to submission of a proposal to offer the degree.

5.25 Course Inventories ~~[Approvals]~~ at Public Universities

(a) Each institution shall report its course offerings and changes to its course offerings following procedures established by the Commissioner. The report must specifically identify any course included in the common course numbering system approved by the Board that has been added to or removed from the institution's list of courses, beginning with course lists submitted for the 2014-2015 academic year.

(b) Institutions may not offer courses at levels or in programs not approved by the Board.