

8-25-16 RECOMMENDATIONS (DISCUSSION AGENDA)

RECOMMENDATIONS PRESENTED AT PRIOR CIC MEETINGS NEEDING FURTHER DISCUSSION OR NOT SUPPORTED BY ONE FIRST LEVEL REVIEWER

OWG 10: Unmet Regional Needs:

(reviewed & suggested rewrites by Funke Fontenot and Kimberly Holmes):

- 1. Recommends that upon the launch of the new ASU, the President/Provost commission the Carl Vinson Center for Government or any other suitable consulting firm to conduct a needs assessment for undergraduate and graduate programs and engage with USG Office of Academic Affairs initiatives around High Demand Careers and regional needs:**

The committee identified some areas of unmet needs and academic programs that may fill those needs. However, the USG discourages adding new degree programs during consolidation. **Therefore, any suggested new programs will be pursued after consolidation. FF and KH hence the recommendations to defer those plans till consolidation is completed.**

Approved with suggested edits above. FF and KH 8/18/16

- 2. Recommends that The Provost (permanent) should engage the campus and communities in academic master planning to identify and guide the new university in terms of new degree academic programs:**

The committee identified some areas of unmet needs and academic programs that may fill those needs. However, the USG discourages adding new degree programs during consolidation, hence the recommendations to defer those plans till consolidation is completed.

Approved with suggested edits from Recommendation 1. FF and KH 8/18/16

- 3. Recommends that The Office of Fiscal Affairs **work collaboratively with the Office of Academic Affairs to** ~~should~~ determine the financial costs for new ~~degree~~ academic **degree** programs which accounts for future SACSCOC approvals, substantive changes, and onsite visits, etc. especially in light of possible addition of new doctoral degree programs:**

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Approved with suggested edits above. FF and KH 8/18/16

OWG 19: General Education and Core Curriculum:
(reviewed & supported by Funke Fontenot concern from Elizabeth Perkins):

Recommends that the Student Learning Outcome (SLO) for Area D-Natural Science, Mathematics/Technology for the new ASU read as follows:

Science: Students will demonstrate an understanding of the physical or biological perspectives of the universe using the scientific method, mathematical concepts, or logical reasoning.

Math/Technology: Students will apply technological or mathematical concepts using verbal, numerical, graphical or symbolic forms:

The new SLO is a combination of the current SLOs from each institution and better meets the needs of our students.

EMGP: DISCUSSION: At the last Gen Ed OWG meeting I attended, a conversation was had to potentially increase the number of hours in Area B to 5, which would put the number of hours in Area D at 10. If this is the case, it would likely be needed to have one overall SLO for Area D, rather than two distinct offerings. The way that Area D is crafted is often different from other areas, particularly as there are often options for STEM versus non-STEM majors. I would recommend that the OWG review the structure of the proposed Area D before finalizing the SLO. Of course, if it decides that the Area D will definitely have a science requirement separate from a math/technology requirement, this will work well.

RETURN TO COMMITTEE BASED ON NEW INFORMATION

8/25/2016: No rewrite necessary. It should stay “as is”. We have resolved the hour issues.

OWG 21: International Programs:
(reviewed & supported by Pat Ridgeway; NOT supported by Funke Fontenot):

5. Recommends that the new university consolidates all multicultural programs and events into one:

- a. Both campuses have existing multicultural programs and events, which are essential components of International Programs

Not Approved: FF

“Multiculture programs and events” may be essential components of international programs, but they transcend international programs, and have significant “domestic” dimensions. Conflating all multicultural programs that way glosses over importance of domestic diversity.

- b. Effectively consolidates both campuses international programs into a single administrative and operational structure. **Approved: FF**

10. Recommends establishing an education abroad unit office with necessary staff assistants and resources at the West Campus to make education abroad advising accessible to students and faculty on that campus:

Effectively consolidates both campuses international programs into a single administrative and operational structure.

Not Approved: Creates an unnecessary duplication. International Program is currently not such a large operation that effective and accessible services cannot be provided to both campuses from one education abroad unit. The short distance between the two campuses means this will not result in undue hardship to the staff and students. FF

17. Recommends that international students' admission criteria and processes should follow existing program requirements on both campuses:

Effectively consolidates both campuses international programs into a single administrative and operational structure.

Recommending that the admissions processes should follow existing program requirement on both campuses” seems to create a separate and not an integrated or “consolidated” system as the rational implies. Recommend review and clarification of intent. FF

22. Recommends that there should be a skeletal office with necessary staff for admission services in the West campus:

Effectively consolidates both campuses international programs into a single administrative and operational structure.

Need clarification--is this an international student admission staff in the admissions office? If so, OK. However if it is in the spirit of recommendations 10 and 13 above, then not recommended for approval. FF

23. Recommends that there should be an essential international services office at the West Campus for immediate advising on visa, immigration, academic, and student life issues with necessary staff assistants:

Effectively consolidates both campuses international programs into a single administrative and operational structure.

Not Approved--- see comments on 10 above. FF

OWG 31: Recruitment:

(reviewed & concerns from Funke Fontenot and Kimberly Holmes):

3. Recommends that DSC and ASU fully implement and adopt a consolidated student search campaign and that during the first consolidated search cycle, this campaign be developed and executed with the assistance of a third party vendor:

Student search is a sophisticated and critical element to student recruitment and has been neglected at both DSC and ASU for a number of years. A fully integrated and targeted search campaign executed with appropriate tools, resources, and guidance has the potential to significantly improve the incoming class for Fall 2017.

- Approved KH, with condition of modifying language to indicate “executed with the assistance of a third party vendor as needed”. 8/18/16
- Approved, with the caveat that the office of enrollment management and the office of institutional advancement work with approved vendor on developing messaging. FF. 8/18/16. Recommend changing the language to “adopt a consolidated student recruitment and retention campaign...”

OWG 32: Admissions:

(reviewed & supported by Funke Fontenot; NOT supported by Kimberly Holmes):

Recommends that DSC and ASU adopt the Transient Student Policy currently being developed by the USG to be implemented at a date TBD:

DSC and ASU currently have **different** processes for their respective transient student populations. As our OWG moved forward to review these processes, the USG began to review the current transient student process and discuss opportunities to provide general guidance that will make the process easier on students and offer more consistency for administrators, especially for institutions with a high number of transient students. As such, the OWG is compelled to adopt the new USG policy when implemented.

- Would suggest holding this Recommendation until the new Transient Student Policy is released by USG to ensure that all language contained therein is detailed enough to suffice for the needs of the new Albany State University. KH 8/18/16
- Agree with recommendation. OK as a general statement of intent to adopt the new USG policy when implemented. FF 8/18/16