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MEMORANDUM

TO: Michael Poliakoff

FROM: Marguerite Childs

DATE: July 7, 2008

SUBJECT: University of Colorado Denver Program Review Annual Report

This memorandum provides the required status report on academic program reviews at the University of Colorado Denver. The report includes the whole of the university rather than separate reports from the downtown and Anschutz Medical campuses. We are in the process of creating a UC Denver policy which will not only comply with Regent and system policy but also capture best practices from downtown and Anschutz. Documents from 2007-08 span all of UC Denver and still reflect the separate processes while next year we will begin to blend the processes with the development of the new combined UC Denver policy.

The policy requires the following items in the status report:

- **Progress Reports** – Progress reports are prepared by departments/schools whose reviews were submitted in the past three years.
- **Program Reviews** – Programs scheduled for review are listed and attached.
- **Program Review Schedule** – The schedule identifies the programs to be reviewed in 2008-09 and an updated master schedule. (Attachment A is a Summary of Next Reviews and Attachment B is the Program Review Master Schedule.)
- **Identification** of proposed new programs as well as existing program deletions or changes. This information was also displayed in the academic planning report.

Progress Reports

Departments reviewed in the past three years are required to submit progress reports. Only those colleges, schools and programs with required progress reports are listed. Copies are included in Attachment C.

- College of Arts & Media
- Business School
- School of Education & Human Development
- College of Engineering and Applied Science
- Latino/a Research and Policy Center (no report submitted)
- Auraria Library
- The following departments from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:
 - Anthropology
 - Economics

- Ethnic Studies
- Health and Behavioral Sciences
- Sociology
- The following departments from the School of Medicine:
 - Family Medicine
 - Medicine
 - Orthopedics
 - Otolaryngology
 - Pediatrics
 - Physiology & Biophysics (August submission expected)
 - Surgery

Program Review Reports Due 2007-08

- College of Architecture and Planning
- Center for Bioethics and Humanities
- The following departments from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences:
 - Communication
 - English
 - History
 - Humanities/Social Sciences (Master's Degree)
 - Modern Languages (not including Implementation Plan, which is to be submitted in August)
 - Philosophy/Center for Ethics and Community
 - Political Science
- Neurosurgery from the School of Medicine (Fall submission expected)

Program Review Schedule for 2008-09

The Summary of Next Reviews (Attachment A) and Program Review Schedule (Attachment B) are attached. Please note that we have included in the schedules those centers and institutes which will have their own independent reviews. Many of the UC Denver centers and institutes are reviewed as part of their "home" unit's review or as a formal grant renewal review.

The programs scheduled for review in 2008-09 are as follows:

- Applied Mathematics and Mathematics / CLAS
- Biology / CLAS
- Chemistry / CLAS
- Environmental Science / CLAS
- Geography / CLAS
- Integrated Sciences / CLAS
- Microbiology / SOM
- Pathology / SOM
- Physics / CLAS

- Psychology / CLAS
- Radiology / SOM
- Center for Computational Biology
- Center for Computational Mathematics
- Colorado AHEC System

Possible New Degree Programs, Restructuring, Developing or Program Eliminations for 2008-09 and Beyond

- Possible New Program Proposals Planned For 2008-09
 - Architecture BA
 - Bioengineering MS and PhD
 - Commercial Composition MM
 - Dental Sciences MS
 - Design Studies MS
 - Education Doctorate EdD
 - Global Energy Management MS
 - Historic Preservation MS
 - Mathematics Education MA
 - Public Health BA
 - Theatre MFA
 - Science Education MA
 - Sustainable Development (Interdisciplinary) PhD (CLAS)
 - Sustainable Infrastructure Development PhD (Engineering)
 - World Cinema MFA
 - Visualization MFA
- Possible New Program Proposals, 2009-2010 and Beyond
 - Bioengineering BS
 - Chinese Studies BA
 - Computational Biology MS
 - Computer Science BS
 - Creative Writing BFA
 - Early Childhood Special Education (BA or BS)
 - Economics PhD
 - Engineering PhD
 - Epidemiology MS
 - Ethnic Studies BA
 - Geography MA
 - Integrative and Systems Biology MS and PhD

Philosophy MA
Physical Therapy PhD or Rehabilitation Sciences PhD
Publishing BA
Religious Studies BA
Science Education PhD
Special Education BA or BS
Sports and Entertainment Management MS
Sustainability (multidisciplinary) BA or BS and MS

○ Anticipated Degree Program Eliminations

None

○ Program Restructuring

In the College of Arts and Media, the Theatre, Film and Video Production unit is creating a more cohesive BA degree program, which will potentially replace the current BFA in Theatre during the next three years.

The Master of Science in Epidemiology program was included in the strategic planning of the new CSPH and is listed above. Following the implementation of the new MPH concentration in epidemiology, this degree proposal will be considered depending on student demand and interest, but may be part of program restructuring rather than a new degree. The Master of Science in Biostatistics could be converted to a Master of Science in Analytical Health Sciences to align with the existing Doctor of Philosophy in Analytical Health Sciences. This degree will allow for options in Biostatistics, Epidemiology and potentially other quantitative, research-oriented options in public health not included in the MPH professional degree (2009-10, 2010-11).

The Graduate School may consolidate basic science degrees in the school at some point in the future.

The School of Dental Medicine has a moratorium on admissions to the dental hygiene program to allow the school to evaluate how the dental hygiene program fits in with the other clinical programs of the school. The outcome of that study is not yet available and may result in a change for that program.

Conclusions and Next Steps

As is evident from all the attached program review materials, UC Denver conducts thorough and meaningful academic program reviews in a timely manner and the reviews are used for future planning. Progress on recommendations from past reviews is monitored. Highlights from the past year's program review process are noted below:

- Resources – Faculty lines, dollars and space are themes in many of the reviews. Campus strategic planning has identified goals and objectives to guide the university in the coming years and assist in identifying mechanisms for securing the needed resources to lower student/faculty ratios, seed research efforts and obtain space.
- Linkages – Many reviews spoke to the opportunities to develop linkages across the university. The program review process provided the occasion to identify those opportunities.
- Policy Development – Associate Vice Chancellors Childs and Goodwin are developing a single policy to guide academic program review at UC Denver. As noted earlier, it will draw on the attributes of the differing practices at the two institutions and serve as a mechanism to join the university closer. They envision drawing on faculty across the university to serve on the program review panel and to serve as internal reviewers.
- New Requirements – The university’s review of tenure-related processes resulted in six new or revised Administrative Policy Statements. One requirement is that primary unit criteria be reviewed on a regular basis as part of program review. This past year, this new requirement has not been fully implemented. Faculty Affairs plans to work with the schools and colleges to define what the expectations, outcomes and approval processes are for these reviews.
- New School – The Colorado School of Public Health opened on July 1, 2008 and has now been included in our master schedule.

Please do not hesitate to call me or Provost Nairn if you have any questions.

Attachments:

- A. Summary of Next Program Reviews
- B. Program Review Schedule
- C. Progress Reports
 - 1. College of Arts & Media
 - 2. Business School
 - 3. School of Education & Human Development
 - 4. College of Engineering
 - 5. Auraria Library
 - 6. CLAS
 - Anthropology
 - Economics
 - Ethnic Studies
 - Health & Behavioral Sciences
 - Sociology
 - 7. School of Medicine
 - Family Medicine
 - Medicine
 - Orthopedics
 - Otolaryngology
 - Pediatrics
 - Surgery
- D. Academic Program Reviews
 - 1. College of Architecture & Planning
 - 2. Center for Bioethics & Humanities

3. CLAS

Communication

English

History

Master Humanities/Social Science

Modern Languages (not including Implementation Plan, to be submitted in August)

Philosophy

Political Science

Cc with Attachments:

Chancellor M. Roy Wilson

Provost Roderick Nairn

Chief Planning Officer Jerry Scezney

Director Christine Stroup-Benham

Cc without Attachments:

Vice Chancellor & Dean Richard Krugman

Dean Ralph Altieri

Dean Sueann Ambron

Dean David Dynak

Dean John Freed

Dean Mark Gelernter

Dean Richard Hamman

Dean Daniel Howard

Dean Denise Kassebaum

Dean Patricia Moritz

Dean Lynn Rhodes

Dean Renjeng Su

Dean Paul Teske