EXPEDITED PROGRAM REVIEW: UAF PROCESS

In accordance with Regents’ Policy 10.06.10, and as required by University Regulation 10.06.10.C.2, the University of Alaska Fairbanks will use the following expedited, exceptional Program Review Process tailored to UAF’s particular financial circumstances:

1. The Chancellor will appoint a review committee consisting of
   a. ASUAF representative or designee (1)
   b. Staff Council representative or designee (1)
   c. Faculty Senate representatives or designees (2)
   d. Faculty member appointed by the Provost (1)
   e. Two deans (2)
   f. Vice Provost and ALO, Alex Fitts (1) (Committee Chair)
2. A parallel committee will be appointed for CRCD/CTC programs with the appropriate faculty and administrative representatives.
3. The review committees will conduct expedited reviews using the factors suggested in University Regulation 10.06.10.B, with special emphasis on enrollment, cost-effectiveness, centrality to mission, and academic quality (using criteria provided by Faculty Senate).
4. Approximately one half of UAF departments were reviewed in 2019-20. The remaining programs will be reviewed in 2020-21.
5. Previous program review reports will be available. The departments/programs under review will have the opportunity to provide a 2-4 page department level Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) analysis. The Deans will also be asked to provide a 1 page input.
6. Recommendations as a result of the review will be:
   a. Continuation
   b. Continuation with improvement plan
   c. Revision or restructure
   d. Reduction
   e. Suspension
   f. Deletion
7. The committees will commence their work immediately and will deliver their report to the Chancellor for final action.
8. The Chancellor will recommend program revisions, reductions, suspensions, or deletions to the President and the Board.
Timeline:

1) Departments/Programs identified: August 13, 2020
2) Committee members named: September 15, 2020
3) Departments submit the 2-4 page report: October 1, 2020
4) Dean submits 1 page input: October 1, 2020
5) Committee review dates: October 1, 2020 – February 1, 2021
6) Recommendations to chancellor: February 5, 2021
7) Open for feedback from faculty senate and broader audience: February 5 – February 19, 2021
8) Chancellor’s preliminary recommendations: February 22, 2021
9) Open for additional feedback: February 22 – February 26, 2021
10) Chancellor’s final recommendations for deletion or major program revisions to President and Vice President of Academics, Students and Research: March 1, 2021
11) Review moves to Statewide Academic Council: March or April, 2021
12) Review to BOR Academic and Student Affairs subcommittee: March or April, 2021
13) Review to full Board of Regents: June, 2021

Measuring Program/Department Quality:
Suggestions from the UAF Faculty through Faculty Senate

- productivity of the faculty in research, creative activity, and scholarly work
- quality of teaching
- demonstration of student learning; fulfillment of SLOAs
- placement of graduates, e.g. in the workforce, in their field of study, in Alaska, and/or graduate study or post-docs
- graduate students supported by external funding
- success in grant-writing
- co-authorship of journal articles, other scholarly work, and co-performances with students, including graduate and undergraduate students
- inter-disciplinarity and trans-disciplinarity
- supporting the public good, e.g. serving on state agencies, boards
- accessibility of alternate learning opportunities for undergraduates, e.g. participation in original research, performance, etc.
- student participation in conference presentations