



CSU Bakersfield

**University Program Review Committee**  
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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 22, 2020

TO: Dr. Aaron Hegde / Chair, Academic Senate

FROM: The University Program Review Committee  
Dr. Jacquelyn Ann K. Kegley (Chair); Dr. Danielle Solano; Dr. Dan Zhou; Dr. Doreen Anderson-Facile; Dr. Karlo Lopez; Dr. Angel Vazquez-Ramos; Dr. Hager El Hadidi; Dr. Debra Jackson (ex-officio)

CC: Dr. Vernon Harper / Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs

SUBJECT: Annual Report of the University Program Review Committee, AY 2019-2020

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This memorandum summarizes the activities of the University Program Review Committee for the academic year 2019-2020. In addition to the activities listed below, the UPRC assisted significantly with the WSCUC accreditation visit by preparing a poster and meeting with the WSCUC evaluation team.

### **Program Reviews Completed**

- B.S. in Computer Science – completed 09/10/2019
- B.A. in Psychology & M.S. in Counseling Psychology – completed 04/07/2020
- B.S. in Economics – completed 04/27/2020
- B.A. in Music – completed 05/19/2020

### **Program Reviews That Could Not Be Completed – Moved Forward to 2020-2021**

- B.S. and M.S. in Biology – This self-study was submitted on 02/05/2020 and the external review, which was originally scheduled for 05/08/2020 was postponed due to COVID-19.
- B.A. Human Biological Sciences – This self-study was submitted on 02/05/2020 and the external review, which was originally scheduled for 05/08/2020 was postponed due to COVID-19.
- M.S. in Health Care Administration (HCA) – This self-study was due on 09/15/2018. An extension to 11/08/2019 was approved.

- B.A. and M.A. in Spanish – This self-study was due on 09/15/2018, with an extension to 01/15/2020. Personnel matters have prevented the self-study from being completed.
- B.S. in Environmental Resource Management – This self-study was due on 09/15/2019. An extension to 02/15/2020 was approved.
- B.A. in Communications – This self-study was originally due in 2015 and has received numerous extensions with the latest due date of 03/15/2020.
- B.S. in Mathematics – This self-study was due on 09/15/2019, with an extension to 03/02/2020.
- B.S. in Physics – This self-study was due on 09/15/2018. The program received an extension to 03/02/2020.
- B.A. in Political Science – This self-study was due on 09/15/2018. An extension to 10/01/2020 was approved.
- B.A. and M.A. in Anthropology – This self-study was originally due on 09/15/2018. An extension to 09/15/2020 was approved.
- B.A. in Religious Studies – This self-study was due on 09/15/2019. An extension to 09/15/2020 was approved.

#### **Program Reviews Scheduled for AY 2020-2021**

- B.A. in Liberal Studies – Program notified on 09/03/2019; progress report received 01/31/2020.
- B.S. in Chemistry – Program notified on 09/03/2019; progress report received 02/04/2020.
- B.S. in Biochemistry – Program notified on 09/03/2019; progress report received 02/04/2020.
- B.A. in Sociology – Program notified on 09/03/2019; progress report received 02/13/2020.
- General Education – Program notified on 09/03/2019; progress report received 03/02/2020.

#### **Mid-Cycle Reports Scheduled for 2019-20**

- Honors Program – Report received 03/16/2020.
- M.A. in Educational Administration – Report received 8/26/2019.
- B.A. in Criminal Justice – Report due on 10/15/2019 (not received).
- B.A. and M.A. in English – Report due on 03/01/2020 (not received).

#### **Workshop**

- The UPRC held a program review workshop on October 25, 2019. Members of the UPRC presented on sections of the Program Review Template.
- In addition to UPRC members, representatives from the School of Arts and Humanities, the School of Business and Public Administration, Sociology, Mathematics, Chemistry & Biochemistry, and Liberal Studies were present.
- An online evaluation of the workshop was distributed to participants. Responses indicate that that participants found the workshop useful.

#### **MOUAPs Completed**

- Kinesiology – signed on 12/16/2019

## Issues of Concern

- The UPRC continues to stress the importance of completing MOUAPs in a timely fashion. Only one MOUAP was completed in the Academic Year 2019-20.
- The Program Review Template and MOUAP Template need to be reviewed by the Academic Senate and reaffirmed if appropriate.
- As noted by the WSCUC visiting team, the failure of programs to complete their self-studies in a timely fashion needs to be addressed by the Academic Senate and the Administration. This needs to be a high priority in order to fulfill the expectations of our accrediting body, not to mention our responsibility to our stakeholders.
- Student learning outcomes assessment is a crucial component of a program Self-Study. The UPRC recommends that assessment workshops and trainings be regularly offered to faculty, and that assessment coordinators provide extra support to those programs scheduled for review.



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