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DECISION ITEM A: Unified Budget Recommendation for FY 2006-2007

Staff Presenter: Ms. Susan J. Cagle
Director of Institutional Finance and Facilities

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission approve the FY 2006-2007 Unified Budget Recommendation (UBR) as presented by the Commission staff.

Background: Section 16-5-9(b) of the Code of Alabama states that "...The Commission ... shall present to each institution and the Governor and legislature, a single unified budget report containing budget recommendations for the separate appropriations to each of the institutions."

The Council of College and University Presidents (the "Council") will meet on October 27, 2005 to discuss the Unified Budget Recommendation. Prior to the meeting Commission staff ran several scenarios for the Council to be used in their discussions. At the meeting on October 27, the Council will decide what it will propose to the Commission for inclusion in the FY 2006-2007 Unified Budget Recommendation.

Commission staff and the Commission's Planning, Finance, and Accountability Committee will review the Council's proposal. If the Commission's Planning, Finance, and Accountability Committee agree with the Council's proposal it will be forwarded to the Commission as a whole as soon as possible after the meeting. If the Planning, Finance and Accountability Committee does not agree with the Council's proposal further discussions will be held with the Council.

Supporting Documentation: 1. Unified Budget Recommendation, FY 2005-2006, will be sent under separate cover and be posted on the Commission web site when available.

DECISION ITEM B: Executive Budget Request for FY 2006-07

Staff Presenter: Mr. Tim Vick
Associate Executive Director

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission approve the Executive Budget Request for FY 2006-07.

Background: The FY 2006-07 Executive Budget Request is due to the Executive Budget Office (EBO) on November 1, 2005. The request is still being developed at the time of the mail out of the November 10 Commission meeting packet. Supporting documentation will be mailed to Commissioners under separate cover and will be posted on the agency's website upon completion.

Supporting Documentation: 1. The Executive Budget Request for FY 2006-07 will be mailed under separate cover and will be posted on the agency's website upon completion.

DECISION ITEM C-1: University of North Alabama, Merger of the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fine Arts (CIP 50.0702) into the Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science in Art (CIP 50.0799)

Staff Presenter: Mrs. Ellen Haulman
Staff Associate for Academic Affairs

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission approve the proposed program merger.

Background: The University of North Alabama (UNA) currently has the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Fine Arts listed in the Commission's Academic Program Inventory at CIP 50.0702 and the Bachelor of Arts (BA) / Bachelor of Science (BS) in Art listed at CIP 50.0799. The BFA program is on the list of non-viable core liberal arts programs, while the BA/BS program has met the viability standard.

UNA proposes to merge the Fine Arts BFA program into Art BA/BS program. With the approval of the merger, the entry at CIP 50.0702 will be deleted from the Inventory. UNA is also changing the CIP code for the remaining Art program to CIP 50.0701 [see "Changes to the Academic Program Inventory" in this packet]. The merged academic program and the change in CIP code will put UNA's offerings in line with Inventory entries of several other institutions in the state.

UNA officials report that the BFA program is in fact an extension of the BA/BS program. One hundred percent of the BA/BS curriculum is contained in the BFA curriculum. A BFA student currently completes the entire curriculum of the BA/BS program plus 36 additional semester hours (sh) in studio classes. No changes are being made in program requirements, content, or objectives. Students in the merged program will be able to choose from existing concentrations in ceramics, painting, photography, sculpture, and digital media (formerly graphic arts).

The staff recommends that the proposed merger be approved as a reasonable extension/alteration of an existing program.

Supporting Documentation:

1. "Reasonable Extensions and Alterations of Existing Units and Programs of Instruction," Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 300-2-1, Rule .06. Available upon request.
2. Written unpublished documentation provided by the institution. Available upon request.

INFORMATION ITEM A: Changes to the Academic Program Inventory

Staff Presenter: Mrs. Amy Herrin Brown
Academic Program Review Analyst

Staff Recommendation: For information only.

Background: According to the Commission's definitions relating to program review (Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 300-2-1, Review of Programs & Other Units of Instruction), additions and certain extensions or alterations of units and programs of instruction must be submitted as information items not requiring Commission approval. Examples of information items, according to the operational definitions, include: 1) changes in program titles or CIP codes or degree nomenclatures at the same level (except doctoral) provided no changes in program requirements, content, or objectives are made, and provided the new nomenclature replaces the current designation; 2) programs placed on inactive status or deleted from the Academic Program Inventory; 3) change in award for completion from Diploma to Associate in Applied Technology in technical colleges provided certain conditions are met; 4) change in award for completion from Associate in Applied Technology to Associate in Applied Science in technical colleges provided certain conditions are met; and 5) change in award for completion from Diploma and/or Certificate to Associate in Applied Science in community colleges.

Supporting Documentation:

1. Academic Program Inventory. Available on Commission's Website: www.ache.state.al.us.
2. "Reasonable Extensions and Alterations of Existing Units and Programs of Instruction in Review of Programs & Other Units of Instruction," Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 300-2-1, Rule .06. Available upon request.
3. Written unpublished documentation provided by the institutions. Available upon request.

A. Changes in CIP Codes, Program Titles, or Degree Nomenclature

The following changes in CIP codes, program titles, or degree nomenclature represent no changes in program requirements, content, and objectives and are recommended as information items.

Note: "Strike Outs" indicate original CIP code, program title, or degree nomenclature and "Underlines" indicate changes.

The University of Alabama: 52.1301 ~~Management Science~~ Operations Management,
MSC, PhD

University of North Alabama: ~~50.0799~~ 50.0701 Art, BA, BS, BFA

B. Program Inventory Deletions

Institutions may voluntarily elect to delete program entries/awards from the Commission's Academic Program Inventory. However, institutions understand that these programs/awards cannot be reinstated to the Academic Program Inventory in the future without undergoing the regular process for new program review and approval.

University of South Alabama: 52.0208 Electronic Commerce, BSBA

INFORMATION ITEM B-1: Program Meeting Post-Implementation Conditions: Troy University, Master of Science in Environmental Analysis and Management, CIP 30.9999—Second Report

Staff Presenter: Mrs. Ellen Haulman
Staff Associate for Academic Affairs

Staff Recommendation: That the Commission receive this second report documenting that the program meets all post-implementation conditions adopted at the time the program was approved.

Background: On March 12, 2004, the Commission granted Troy University (TROY) additional time in meeting the post-implementation condition regarding graduates for the Master of Science (MS) in Environmental Analysis and Management (CIP 30.9999). The Commission approved the additional time with the stipulation that TROY demonstrate by October 1, 2005, that the program had met the post-implementation condition regarding the average number of graduates for the period 2000-01 through 2004-05. The requirement was that the program should have an average of seven graduates per year.

On September 28, 2005, the Commission staff received a report from TROY in fulfillment of the Commission's requirement. It stated that the program had graduated an average of 7.4 students per year for the period 2000-01 through 2004-05. A list of the names of 37 graduates for this period was provided by the institution.

With the submission of this report TROY has fulfilled all post-implementation conditions for the program.

Supporting Documentation:

1. "Request to Amend Post-Implementation Conditions: Troy State University, Master of Science in Environmental Analysis and Management (CIP 30.9999)." Approved by the Commission on March 12, 2004. Available upon request.
2. September 28, 2005, letter from Ed. D. Roach, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, Troy University, to Michael E. Malone, Executive Director, Commission on Higher Education, with attachment. Available upon request.

INFORMATION ITEM C-1: University of Alabama at Birmingham, Change in the Name of the Laser and Photonics Research Center to the Center for Optical Sensor and Spectroscopies

Staff Presenter: Mrs. Amy Herrin Brown
Academic Program Review Analyst

Staff Recommendation: For information only.

Background: The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama System has approved the change in name of the Laser and Photonics Research Center to the Center for Optical Sensor and Spectroscopies. According to university officials, the new name will more accurately reflect the research focus of the center.

Supporting Documentation: 1. "Reasonable Extensions and Alterations of Existing Units and Programs of Instruction," Alabama Administration Code, Chapter 300-2-1, Rule .06. Available upon request.

2. Written unpublished documentation provided by the institution. Available upon request.

INFORMATION ITEM C-2: University of Alabama at Birmingham, Change in the Name of the Division of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology to the Division of Nutritional Biochemistry and Genomics in the Department of Nutrition Sciences

Staff Presenter: Mrs. Amy Herrin Brown
Academic Program Review Analyst

Staff Recommendation: For information only.

Background: The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama System has approved the change in name of the Division of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology to the Division of Nutritional Biochemistry and Genomics in the Department of Nutrition Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). According to university officials, the new name will more accurately reflect the interests of division faculty members and will enhance the marketing efforts of their programs.

Administrative changes at the department level, such as establishing a new department, combining two or more departments, or dividing a department into two or more departments, do not require Commission approval, but must be reported to the Commission by information item prior to implementation. At UAB, however, academic divisions in the medical and dental areas are less prominent units than departments. Therefore, this item is submitted for information only.

Supporting Documentation: 1. "Reasonable Extensions and Alterations of Existing Units and Programs of Instruction," Alabama Administration Code, Chapter 300-2-1, Rule .06. Available upon request.

2. Written unpublished documentation provided by the institution. Available upon request.

INFORMATION ITEM C-3: The University of Alabama at Birmingham,
Establishment of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease
Center

Staff Presenter: Mrs. Amy Herrin Brown
Academic Program Review Analyst

Staff Recommendation: For information only.

Background: The University of Alabama System reports the establishment of the Inflammatory Bowel Disease Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

The purpose of this center is to be a nationally recognized center of excellence for the integrated care of patients with inflammatory bowel disease. The center will be a cohesive multi-disciplinary center bringing together a number of recognized programs that currently exist as independent entities at UAB, including radiology, gastrointestinal surgery, pathology, gastroenterology, internal medicine, and nutritional science.

The incidences of inflammatory bowel disease have risen dramatically and an estimated one million Americans have some type of inflammatory bowel disease. Currently there is no center of this type in the southeastern United States. UAB is ideally located to serve as an inflammatory bowel disease resource, not only for Alabama but also for the entire southeast, providing clinical, educational, and research resources and opportunities.

Supporting Documentation:

1. "Reasonable Extensions and Alterations of Existing Units and Programs of Instruction," Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 300-2-1, Review of Programs and Other Units of Instruction, Section .06. Available upon request.
2. Written unpublished documentation provided by the institution. Available upon request.

INFORMATION ITEM C-4: The University of Alabama at Birmingham,
Establishment of the Recessive Polycystic Kidney
Disease Core Center

Staff Presenter: Mrs. Amy Herrin Brown
Academic Program Review Analyst

Staff Recommendation: For information only.

Background: The University of Alabama System reports the establishment of the Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease Core Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB).

The aim is to establish an interdisciplinary center of excellence in polycystic kidney disease-related research, with an emphasis on recessive polycystic kidney disease. The main objective of this Core Center is to apply scientifically rigorous, state-of-the-art methodologies in a cost-effective manner that will advance understanding of disease mechanisms, enhance diagnostic specificity, and expand therapeutic approaches in polycystic kidney disease patients.

Supporting Documentation:

1. "Reasonable Extensions and Alterations of Existing Units and Programs of Instruction," Alabama Administrative Code, Chapter 300-2-1, Review of Programs and Other Units of Instruction, Section .06. Available upon request.
2. Written unpublished documentation provided by the institution. Available upon request.