

DATE: January 27, 2005

SUBJECT: Post Approval Monitoring Follow-up Reports

ACTION RECOMMENDED: Information

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Following the approval of new academic programs, an annual performance review is conducted each year during the first three years for pre-baccalaureate programs and the first five years for baccalaureate and graduate programs. If deficiencies are noted during the review period, THEC requests information to explain the deficiencies and specific plans for corrective action or recommend programs for termination.

The criteria for reviewing programs are based on goals established in the approved program proposal. At the end of the review period, campus, governing board, and Commission staff will perform a summative evaluation. The goals will include, but are not limited to enrollment and graduation ratios, program cost, progress toward accreditation, library acquisitions, student performance, and other goals set by the institution and agreed upon by the governing boards and Commission staff. The Commission may also choose to extend this period if additional time is needed and requested by the governing board.

POST-APPROVAL MONITORING OF PROGRAMS

Based on the post-approval review of programs approved during November 2002 through July 2003, 29 programs achieved their enrollment projections, 23 programs did not achieve enrollment projections, two programs were terminated and two programs submitted phase-out plans for termination.

Enrollment Projections Attained

Pre-Baccalaureate Programs

- Chattanooga – Real-Time Reporting, A.A.S
- Cleveland – Public and Government Service, A.A.S.
- Nashville – Computer Aided Drafting, Certificate
- Nashville – Social Services, A.A.S
- Nashville – University Parallel, A.A. and A.S.
- Northeast – Allied Health, A.A.S
- Northeast – Dental Assistant, Certificate
- Northeast – Industrial Technology, A.A.S
- Pellissippi – Networking and Comm. Systems Technology, A.A.S
- Volunteer – Desktop Publishing, Certificate
- Volunteer – Medical Laboratory Technology, A.A.S

Baccalaureate Programs

- East Tennessee – Digital Media, B.S.
- East Tennessee – Sport and Leisure Management, B.S.
- Middle Tennessee – Concrete Industry Management, B.S.
- Tennessee State – Health Sciences, B.S.
- Tennessee Tech – Web Design, B.S.

Graduate Programs

- TBR Universities - Advanced Studies in Teaching and Learning, MEd
- East Tennessee – Audiology, AUD
- East Tennessee – Nursing, DSN
- East Tennessee – Physical Therapy, DPT
- East Tennessee – Social Work, MSW
- Middle Tennessee – Economics, Ph.D.
- Middle Tennessee – English, Ph.D.
- Tennessee Tech – Computer Science, M.S.
- University of Memphis – Int'l Masters of Business Administration, IMBA
- University of Memphis – Nursing, MSN
- UT Knoxville – Audiology, AUD
- UT Knoxville – Natural Resources, Ph.D.
- UT Memphis – Physical Therapy, Ph.D.

Enrollment Projections Not Attained

Pre-Baccalaureate Programs

- Columbia – Criminal Justice, Certificate
- Columbia – Criminal Justice, A.A.S
- Columbia – Horticulture, A.A.S
- Dyersburg – Industrial Electricity, Certificate (delayed implementation)
- Dyersburg – Industrial Mechanisms, Certificate (delayed implementation)
- Dyersburg – Programmable Logic Controller, Certificate (delayed implementation)
- Dyersburg – Manufacturing Systems Technology, A.A.S (delayed implementation)
- Nashville – Biotechnology, A.A.S
- Nashville – Web Page Authoring, Certificate
- Northeast – Applications Programming, Certificate
- Northeast – Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Certificate
- Northeast – Local/Wide Area Networking Technology, Certificate
- Northeast – Social Services, A.A.S
- Northeast – Telecommunications Technology, Certificate
- Pellissippi – High Performance Computing, A.A.S
- Pellissippi – Social Services, A.A.S
- Pellissippi – Web Development Technology, A.A.S
- Roane – Technical Communications, A.A.S
- Southwest – Social Services, A.A.S
- Volunteer – Social Services, A.A.S

Graduate Programs

- Middle Tennessee – Human Performance, Ph.D.
- University of Memphis - Women’s Studies, M.S.
- UT Memphis – Physical Therapy, ScDPT (delayed implementation)

Programs terminated by the Tennessee Board of Regents

- Roane – Social Services, A.A.S.
- Walters – Computer Networking, A.A.S.

Programs submitted phase-out plans for termination

- Motlow – Computer Aided Design, Certificate
- Walters – Social Services, A.A.S.

PROGRAM PRODUCTIVITY PLANS

In November 2004 campuses submitted follow-up plans to explain corrective actions for addressing productivity deficiencies. There are various reasons why programs do not meet projected benchmarks. Sometimes the implementation of programs are delayed due to difficulty of hiring faculty, inadequate recruitment practices, changes in labor market demands, or other issues not within the control of the institution. Institutions provided Program Productivity Plans that addressed strategies to improve faculty recruitment, student recruitment and retention, curriculum revisions, or plans for termination. The following programs were required to submit follow-up plans due to low-productivity:

Pre-Baccalaureate Programs

- Chattanooga - Industrial Maintenance Technology, A.A.S
- Dyersburg - Early Childhood Education, Certificate
- Dyersburg - Surgical Technology, Certificate
- Nashville - Horticulture and Landscape Gardening, Certificate
- Pellissippi - Geographic Information Systems, A.A.S.
- Pellissippi – Hospitality, A.A.S
- Roane - Geographic Information Systems, Certificate and A.A.S.
- Roane - Polysomnography Technology, Certificate
- Volunteer – Logistics Management , Certificate
- Volunteer - Ophthalmic Medical Assisting, A.A.S.
- Walters - Health Information Technology, A.A.S.
- Walters - Information Technology, Certificate
- Walters - Paramedic Technology, A.A.S.

Baccalaureate Programs

- Austin Peay - Spanish, B.A.
- East Tennessee - Allied Health, B.S.
- University of Memphis - African and African American Studies, B.A.
- University of Memphis - Hospitality and Resort Management, B.S.
- University of Memphis - Microbiology and Molecular Cell Studies, B.S.

Graduate Programs

- Tennessee State - School Psychology, Ed.S.
- Tennessee State - Biological Sciences, Ph.D.
- Tennessee Tech - Environmental Sciences, Ph.D.
- UT Martin - Agricultural Operations Management, MSAOM
- UT Memphis Health Sciences Center - Clinical Laboratory Sciences, MSCLS

Programs terminated by the Tennessee Board of Regents

- University of Memphis - Microbiology and Molecular Cell Sciences, B.S.

Programs submitted phase-out plans for termination

- Jackson – Horticulture, Certificate
- Southwest – Arts and Sciences, Certificate