



Tab 6

Comprehensive Review Update

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
March 3, 2021

BACKGROUND

Comprehensive reviews are designed for proposed programs that are outside an institution's CBHE-approved mission, outside the institution's service region, require substantial costs to launch and sustain, degrees at the baccalaureate level or higher that fall within the CIP code of 14 (Engineering), doctoral degrees as described in 6 CSR 10-4.010, or education specialist degrees. This board item provides an update on a pending comprehensive review proposal submitted by Metropolitan Community College and on improvements to the overall comprehensive review process.

CURRENT STATUS

Metropolitan Community College

There is currently one proposal in progress for comprehensive review. This proposal will not be considered for action by the Coordinating Board at the March 3, 2021, meeting. At the institution's request, the anticipated date for Phase II proposal consideration by the Coordinating Board will be at the September 2021 meeting. This is due to delays caused by current COVID-19 circumstances beyond anyone's control.

Institution	Proposal	Status	Expected CBHE Action
Metropolitan Community College	Applied Bachelor's Degree in Respiratory Therapy	Phase II proposal in progress	Tentatively September 2021 (due to current COVID constraints)

Process Improvement

Further, the comprehensive review process was evaluated this year in coordination with six public higher education institutions, three 2-year institutions and three 4-year institutions:

- Ozarks Technical Community College
- Southeast Missouri State University
- State Fair Community College
- St. Louis Community College
- Truman State University
- University of Missouri System

This review has yielded an updated draft process that will be reviewed by the Council of Chief Academic Officers, followed by a review of all public institution Chief Academic Officers. After feedback is incorporated into the review process, the new process will be in place for the 2021 comprehensive review cycle.

Currently, institutions that expect to submit a comprehensive review proposal this year have been asked to notify the department by March 1, 2021, so the feasibility of collaboration will be determined before a comprehensive review proposal is submitted July 1, 2021. Comprehensive review proposals will not be reviewed until after the feasibility of collaboration is determined.

One aspect under consideration is whether to allow institutions to "opt in" for collaboration. Opting in to collaboration allows an institution to be listed as an optional institution a proposing institution may choose to discuss the feasibility of collaboration with, but it is not required a proposing institution contact the institution. It

is not expected an optional collaborator will be able to object to a proposal moving forward due to lack of collaboration.

A board item will be submitted to the Coordinating Board with an updated process at a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

NO ATTACHMENTS