

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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Mission Review Update
Coordinating Board for Higher Education
February 2, 2017

DESCRIPTION

The Missouri Higher Education System Review Task Force presented its interim report to the Coordinating Board in December 2016. That report identified several topics warranting further discussion, including institutional missions and the mission review process. This agenda item reports on MDHE efforts to address these issues.

In November 2016, representatives from the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS) met with the System Review Task Force and presented their [Observations and Recommendations on Missouri Role and Missions](#). NCHEMS examined each institution's mission as indicated by state law, CBHE policy, and institutional documents, and developed statements of "behavioral" mission as reflected by audiences actually served, programs and services offered, and special competencies or unique capabilities. NCHEMS compared each institution's "on paper" and "behavioral" missions and, based on that analysis, recommended state-defined missions for each of the state's colleges and universities. Those recommendations were distributed to institutions on November 22, 2016, with a request for feedback by January 6, 2017.

Department staff reviewed the revised mission documents to create an inventory of state-defined missions that were presented at the task force meeting on February 1, 2017. The inventory may be revised based on the task force's discussion and will be presented to the Coordinating Board at their April 6, 2017, meeting.

When the state-defined missions are approved by the Coordinating Board, they will be a device for articulating each institution's contribution to system capacity and ensuring differentiated contributions to the state's higher education goals.

The need to have well-defined missions is central to the work currently being done to revise the program approval process. The Council of Chief Academic Officers (CCAO) has been tasked with developing a program approval process based on the framework approved by the System Review Task Force. Given the symbiotic relationship between mission and program approval, the CCAO should also take responsibility for reviewing the mission review process.

STATUTORY REFERENCES

Section 173.030, RSMo – Conduct mission review every five years

RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENT

None