

Kansas State University

Fiscal Implications of the Results of AY 2015 Program Review

The 19 programs reviewed for the 2015 cycle resulted in 18 being recommended to Continue, and one being recommended to Enhance. We believe that all programs reviewed in this year are funded to the extent necessary to maintain their quality as well as support the degrees awarded in their present structure. These programs represent strong majors in the university and attract generally strong pools of students to them. The departments and colleges represented operate efficiently in the use of teaching resources for all of the classes offered for the represented majors.

We monitor all programs relative to Board minimum expectations for graduates and enrollments in order to determine the financial impact of continuation or elimination. At the present time, we see no reason to enter into any discussions concerning elimination for those programs reviewed this year. The one program recommended to Enhance is the fairly new Professional Masters in Technology. This program is just beginning to gain momentum, and we plan to review it again in three years. The other program that did not meet the KBOR minima was the Pre-Veterinary Agriculture program. This program is unique because the program provides an opportunity for students in the DVM program who did not receive a bachelor's degree to earn a degree in their second year of Veterinary Medicine School. Therefore, the program operates at no extra cost to the College of Agriculture.

From 2011 to 2014, we did merge/discontinue a couple of degree programs and several certificates:

- Feedlot Production Graduate Certificate was discontinued in 2011
- Aeronautical Technology – Aviation Maintenance (Airway Science) Bachelors and Professional Pilot Bachelors were merged under Aeronautical Technology Bachelor's in 2013
- Professional Pilot Associates degree was discontinued in 2013
- Applied Technology Associates degree was discontinued in 2013
- Youth Development Administration Graduate Certificate – discontinued in 2013
- Airframe Powerplant Certificate was discontinued in 2015

These actions did not have any fiscal impact. All certificate programs consisted of courses that were already being taught prior to the certificates being offered, and thus continue to be taught for the respective degree programs even after the discontinuances. The same is true with the discontinued Associate degrees. Both areas have Bachelor degrees, so the courses taught for the Associate degrees are still being taught for the Bachelor degrees. The only change is that we are no longer offering the Associate degree for either program. Regarding the two Bachelor programs that merged, the new program includes multiple sub-plans, of which the merged programs represent two of them. Thus, the courses are still being taught as part of the sub-plans.

In summary, we believe that all of the programs reviewed for AY 2015 are fiscally sound in their operations, have more than adequate students in the majors, and utilize faculty resources efficiently.