

Kansas State University

Fiscal Implications of the Results of AY 2016 Program Review

The 23 programs reviewed for the 2016 cycle resulted in 22 being recommended to Continue, and one being recommended for continuance but to be monitored. 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 Continue but to monitor for three years is the M.S. in Architecture. This program has had difficulty in maintaining enrollments and producing graduates that meet the minima. The program has received an adequate number of applicants, but has been reluctant to admit more students as the space for classes and studios was decreased. The College of Architecture, Planning, and Design is in the process of completing a major renovation to their home in Seaton Hall, and expect that the program will have adequate space to admit more students in the next few years. The new facility will be open in the fall of 2017. Therefore, we plan to review the program again in three years to monitor whether the enrollments and subsequent degrees conferred meet KBOR minima.

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