

Academic Portfolio Review

Workgroup Members

- Provost and Associate Vice Presidents
- Academic Deans—Colleges and Student Affairs
- Department Chairs/School Directors

Summary of Activity to Date

- Within the broader context of the University's long-term strategic planning, the academic portfolio review, and the respective missions of the University and its constitutive academic units, academic department chairs and faculty have been asked to write a *niche statement* for each degree program (undergraduate and graduate) offered by the department/school. The intent and purpose of the niche statement is to offer unit and college-level perspectives on the "portfolio" of degree programs. Five basic performance indicators have been identified for this initial phase of the academic portfolio review:
 - 5-Year Degree Program Student Headcount
 - 5-Year Degree Program FTE Student Major Count
 - 5-Year Degree Program Annual Graduation Count
 - 5-Year Enrollment Trends: SCH Production for Degree and Service Courses
 - 5-Year SCH Productivity per FTE Faculty Member
- Niche Statements will respond to three questions, using the data sets as reference points:
 - What is the role and function of the department, and its degree programs, within the respective mission of the college and the university?
 - What is the set of current curricular conditions that promote sustaining the program? How are degree learning outcomes aligned with and supportive of the University's degree profile learning outcomes?
 - What are some of the emerging factors or considerations in the evolution of the discipline, e.g., external factors, that may influence program development (the curriculum and the practice of the curriculum), and that may require attention to ensure growth and sustainability of a degree program?

Current Challenges

- TBD based upon analysis of niche statements and follow-up response.

Proposed Next Steps

- Initial Submission of niche statements by department chairs to college deans is **March 31, 2014**.
- Decanal response will vary from college to college and will be dependent upon the character of the various departmental submissions
- Deadline for Deans' initial response to Academic Affairs is **April 21, 2014**.
- Deadline for Provost's initial response to the University President is **May 5, 2014**.