

## **Attachment 3**

### **Academic Planning Committee Requests**

### **October 25, 2019**

#### **Lewis College of Business**

Degree: Doctor of Business Administration

Type of Change Requested: Addition - Degree Program

Starting Date: Fall 2020

Rationale: There are no existing DBA programs in West Virginia. The proposed DBA program will help students advance in their business careers or prepare them for a career in academia. The program will leverage the Colleges already very successful Master of Science in Accountancy, Master of Science in Health Care Administration, Master of Science in Human Resource Management, and Master of Business Administration (MBA). It will enhance the College's brand; increase its reputation, general gift-giving, and fundraising, and promote industry partnerships. A DBA program will also increase the College's overall profile and enhance its research impact and productivity. The proposed DBA program is in line with the College's accrediting body, AACSB that has encouraged its members to develop innovative doctoral programs that support business executives in advancing within their existing industry or becoming full-time faculty members.

#### **College of Health Professions**

Department: School of Physical Therapy

Degree Program: Doctor of Physical Therapy

Type of Change Requested: Non-Curricular Changes

Start Date: Fall 2019

Rationale: It has come to the attention of the SOPT and the Provost's Office that GPA calculations are performed differently by the SOPT Academic and Professional Standards Committee and University when a student restarts the DPT program because of academic deficiency. To protect the public and ensure consistent academic expectations for all program graduates, students who re-start the program must retake all prior coursework, and the program GPA is started over based on the second attempt. The university GPA calculations include all prior attempts. Based on a detailed discussion with Sherry Smith in Provost's Office, the SOPT was advised to add clear language in the Student Handbook that clarifies the process for calculating program GPA for students who re-start the program. The program GPA will be used for all academic decisions (progress and dismissal).

**School of Medicine (SOM)**

Department: Biomedical Research (BMR)

Type of Change Requested: Non-Curricular Change

Starting Date: Spring 2020

Rationale: We have decided to remove the GRE requirement for the Ph.D. based on studies carried out by other schools, which indicate that it does not predict Graduate school success in biomedical sciences. This is supported by our own data from the last 10 years of students. Further the GRE, according to some studies, because of its cost may actually discriminate against minority and low SES students. We are also changing the wording regarding the application deadlines. This is based on student feedback. Several of them found it confusing; thus, we have decided to simplify the language.

**Accelerated Doctoral Degree**

Department: BS/Ph.D. COS and SOM

Degree Program: Multiple

Type of Change Request: Accelerated Doctoral degree

Starting Date: Fall 2020

Rationale: The BS/Ph.D. program at Marshall University will be a collaborative endeavor between the College of Science (COS) and the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine Biomedical Research Graduate Program (BMR). It is an accelerated Eight-year program with the goal of providing high-quality undergraduate and Ph.D. graduate education to develop a skilled Basic Science workforce to meet the research needs of West Virginia and Central Appalachia.