

**West Virginia State University Board of Governors Meeting
March 22, 2012**

ITEM: Follow-up Program Review report for four academic programs

ADMINISTRATIVE AREA: Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the recommendations for the Follow-up program reports for four Academic programs

PRESENTER: Dr. R. Charles Byers
Vice President for Academic Affairs

BACKGROUND:

West Virginia Code §18B-1, B-4 and 18B-2A-4 delineate responsibilities for the review of academic programs. Procedural Rule Series 10, Section 5.5 of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission requires each institutional governing board to ensure that each program offered at the institution under its jurisdiction is reviewed at least once every five years. West Virginia State University has maintained an on-going five-year schedule for its reviews of the baccalaureate academic programs. At its November 8, 2001, meeting this Board of Governors was told the college wished to continue its current program review process by an institutional committee and that action passed.

Academic Departments scheduled for comprehensive program reviews utilize the "Instructions" document prepared by the institutional Program Review committee to address the required elements of viability, adequacy and necessity and include core elements as required in Section 4.1 of HEPC Procedural Rule Series 10. According to a schedule developed by the institutional Program Review committee, these comprehensive reviews are submitted to the committee for their review, input, and recommendation. The committee's recommendation is submitted to the Vice President for Academic Affairs, who makes his recommendation to the Board of Governors.

Section 6.1 of Procedural Rule Series 10 requires that the Board of Governors' review of each program will result in a recommendation by the institution for action relative to each program under review. Two of these programs were reviewed in 2008-2009 and each was required to file a follow-up report by December 1, 2011. The other two were reviewed in 2009-2010 and each was required to file a follow-up report by January, 2012. The Board of Governors recommended at its previous meetings that each program be continued at the current level of activity with specific action as described in the rationale.

The follow-up reports are submitted for the following programs:

- B.S. in Biology
- M.S. and M.A. in Biotechnology
- B.A. in Political Science
- B.A. in Sociology