

Outline of Modifications

Recommendation	Proposed Revision
Online application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by D. Erwin and institutions 	Yes, after the substance of a new policy has been determined.
Differentiation between 2- and 4-yr programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by D. Erwin and VCCS. 	Yes, in process.
Simplification of Program Modifications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by D. Erwin and institutions 	Yes. Current document reduces category of modifications to one (from two), and focuses on a single threshold of changes to credits.
Unify/simplify justification section <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested by institutions 	Yes. "Response to current needs" section has been simplified and clarified. Also see below under "Systematic Changes."
Labor Market Information—allow other than BLS/VEC and reduce position announcement requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by D. Erwin and institutions 	Yes, changes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> streamlining information required reducing position announcements in quantity (from 20 to 10) expanding time frame for position announcements (from six months to one year) Raised in IPAC discussion: some advocacy for not requiring position announcements for all new programs; also for not having any specific requirements, but let institutions choose elements to include.
Post-grad outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by D. Erwin 	Yes, but not as part of the program approval policy. SCHEV is pursuing a post-college outcomes survey separately, as per the Task Force report that was presented to Council in January.
BoV "checklist" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by D. Erwin Some objections by institutions 	Not literally. But see below under "Systematic Changes."
CFO signoff on budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by D. Erwin 	No, but see below under "Systematic Changes."
Student Demand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D. Erwin recommended dropping 	Student Demand section retained, but reduced.
Simplify Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended by D. Erwin and institutions 	Yes. Under review by SCHEV Finance Policy section.
Systematic Changes	

<p>Review entire policy for necessary/unnecessary elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended by D. Erwin 	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five categories of information proposed for removal: admissions criteria; time to degree/retention plan; program administration; program benchmarks; collaboration. • Student Learning Assessment has been rewritten.
<p>Make process improvements to improve efficiency, transparency, and predictability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended by D. Erwin and institutions. 	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two stage process intended to improve Council information about impending programs and enable institutions to plan based on when they want the program to start. Raised in IPAC discussion: interest in how the new system would support institutional need to be “nimble.” • New duplication provisions intended to establish regularity in the treatment of all institutions/programs and enable Council to feel confident that BoV’s are aware of systematic implications of new programs. Raised in IPAC discussion: logistics need to be very clear, e.g., to whom would notice of new programs be sent, how much time to respond. • Reference to six-year plan inclusion is intended to promote strategic consistency with overall institutional plans presented to SCHEV and Op-6. • CAO signs off on several issues (replaces suggestions for Board Checklist/CFO signoff).
<p>Strengthen program productivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended by D. Erwin 	<p>Possible, pending discussion of Council and IPAC.</p>
<p>SCHEV annual report/convening on high-demand programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended by D. Erwin 	<p>Yes. SCHEV will make use of a tool in development by VEDP that will analyze talent gaps in terms of degree production in career/occupational paths in Virginia.</p>

New Degree Program Approval—Sample Timeline

For a program to start in fall 2020

- Program Announcement submitted to SCHEV by **December 1, 2019**.
- Program Announcement receives discussion at the **January 2020** Council meeting
- Program Proposal submitted to SCHEV by **February 15**. (Proposal addresses any questions/inquiries/concerns raised at the January Council meeting.)
- Program presented for action at the **May 2020** Council meeting; if conferred, program starts **fall 2020** (or later).
 - Board of Visitors approval must be conferred between May 2018 and February 2020 (i.e., must be conferred between February 2018 and February 2020).
 - Consultation in re duplication must be completed prior to proposal submission to SCHEV.

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