Preliminary Slides
Presentation Slides will be Different

Determining Significant Departure
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New Orleans, LA

Introduce Yourself
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Consultations
Monday, December 10
3:15 – 4:15 pm
Convention Center
Level 2 Room 232

AGENDA
- Session outcomes
- Session overview
  - Definition
  - Guiding questions & rules of thumb
  - Scenarios
  - Institutional obligations
  - Questions
After this session you will know how to:

- Define significant departure
- Apply guiding questions & rules of thumb
- Determine significant departure for your institution
- Fulfill institutional obligations

**Definition**

“The addition of courses or programs that represent a significant departure, either in content or method of delivery, from those that were offered when the institution was last evaluated”

**Guiding Questions**

- Wholistic determination
- Not a checklist
- Professional judgment
What previously approved programs does the institution offer that are closely related to the new program and how are they related?

- Credential
- Field of study
- Population served

Will a significant number of new courses be required?
Guiding Questions

- Rigor
- Content

Rule of Thumb

- New Courses/Content

About 25% or more

Guiding Questions

- Will a significant number of new faculty members be required?
Rule of Thumb
New Faculty Hires

Expertise vs. Capacity

Guiding Questions

Will significant additional library/learning resources be needed?

Guiding Questions

Will significant additional equipment or facilities be needed?
Guiding Questions

Will significant additional financial resources be needed?

Significant Departure

Restructuring/Repackaging  Repackaging Plus  Advancing the Degree Level  Innovation/New Venture

Not Significant  Clearly Significant
Scenarios

Instructions
- Read background and description of change
- Discuss at your table
- Be prepared to answer:
  • Is this a significant departure?
  • Why or Why Not?
Not a Significant Departure
- Document
- Retain
- Refrain (no notice or approval)

Significant Departure
- Prospectus
- Appendix B
- Deadlines

Appendix B
- How to submit: Electronic
- Format: .pdf
- Links must be within submission, not external
Prospectus Deadlines

January 1 → July 1 – Dec 31 (same year)
July 1 → January 1 – June 30 (next year)

Questions

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Upcoming

Determining Significant Departure
January 7, 2019

Faculty Rosters for Substantive Changes
March 21, 2019

Closing Programs and Off-Campus Instructional Sites
April 17, 2019

Available on Demand

• Closing Programs and Off-campus Instructional Sites
• Dealing with Unreported Substantive Change
• Determining Significant Departure
• Faculty Rosters for Substantive Changes
• What Not to Report
• Dual Enrollment and Instructional Sites
• How to Write a Prospectus

http://www.sacscoc.org/SubstantiveChange.asp