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ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT FORM

This form is composed of three parts: the Program Section, the Dean's Section, and the Provost Section. Guidance for submission is provided in each section.

Using the Form: The form is pre-loaded with information specific to each program and posted on the Program Review website. The program should download and save the form to begin using it. The form is locked, so instructions are viewable and the only sections of the document that can be edited are the form fields.

The form uses narrative, text, and drop-down boxes. Narrative boxes have a character limit, which includes spaces. When using text and drop-down boxes, [illegible]

Responses are to be narrative only, and must be ADA and FERPA compliant. Do [illegible]

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can access current data on the IR-Reports Program Review site.

Recommendation 1: Decrease the credits of the AAS to be closer to 60, or move to a BS. The revision should be completed in AY21 for implementation in fall 2021.

Timeline (2000 characters or less)

The DMS program began the revision process with a review of the new 2021 Joint Review Committee on Education in Diagnostic Medical Sonography (JRCDMS) and Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) standards and curriculum to ensure any changes were in alignment with current accreditation standards. The initial intention was to develop a BS degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography. The curriculum and courses were designed over the summer and the pre-prospectus written. In the process of development, several key issues came to light that caused the program to pause and reevaluate the direction of the program moving forward.

Issues:

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to continue as the clinical coordinator or teach upper division courses in the new BS degree. As the majority of the DMS courses in the new degree would shift to 300/400 level courses, this would result in a significant faculty void. The program director would be the only faculty member with the needed credentials. This would require two to three new faculty hires prior to starting the BS degree.

{ Equipment and Lab space. The program currently has two ultrasound machines. The development of the BS degree and expansion of the program would require the purchase of two to three additional machines at an average cost of $75,000 each.

{ Communities of interest, while excited for the BS option, expressed concern over eliminating the AAS degree which is the industry standard for sonography.

In discussions with the Director of the School of Allied Health and the Associate Dean of Clinical Health Sciences, the BS degree re-creation process was paused, and the program began looking at alternative ways to meet š Z µ v] À Œ •] š Ç [• Œ } u u v š] } v • X h •] v P š Z : Z D ^ • š v Œ •
program was able to identify a way to reorganize existing courses and eliminate several prerequisite courses to bring the prog

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{ Discussion with the Director of the SAH and Associate Dean of Clinical Health Sciences regarding changes in direction of the program review recommendations

{ Course revision and reorganization of to retain the AAS has begun pending approval of the new program direction. No new courses would have to be developed, simply restructuring and reassignment

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v [overall recommendation to the provost: Follow-up Program Review in AY24.

If recommending Suspension with Follow-up Program Review, that review will need to be in AY2022 or AY2023. Please indicate which year: Select Academic Year.

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PROVOST SECTION

After completion and signature, the Provost will email the final decision to the program and dean, with a copy to uaa.oaa@alaska.edu for posting. If the program is delivered on a community campus, copy the appropriate community campus director(s) as well.

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The program has made progress on the recommendations. Moving forward, I especially encourage a focus on the success of the program's students.

Recommendation 1) I agree with the program and the dean that the best option at this time is to maintain the AAS. The program should reduce the credits below the BOR maximum to be as close to the 60 credit minimum as feasible. It is understood that Âé¶¹ÎÞÂë°æ requires generalist training. For models of associate's degrees nearer the 60 credit minimum, the program should look at degrees in other large, rural states with small populations. The relevant course and program revisions should be submitted to the Undergraduate Academic Board no later than December 1, 2021, for implementation in fall 2022.

Recommendation 2) The program should develop a plan and proposal to apply for external accreditation, following established UAA guidelines. After review and approval by the dean, the proposal should be submitted no later than December 1, 2021 to the provost for review and consideration. If approved, the program will work with the college and OAA to move forward with the pre-accreditation self-study.

Decision: An Interim Progress Report on all recommendations is due to the dean by March 1, 2022. d Z v Á] o o • µ u] š Œ À] Á o } v P Á] š Z š Z ‰ Œ } P Œ u [• / v š Œ] u W April 1, 2022. Unless otherwise noted at that time, a Follow-up Program Review will be conducted in AY24.

Final decision: P Œ Á] š Z š Z v [• } À Œ o o Œ } u u v š] } v Á] š Z š Z] š] } v adjustments as per the above comments.

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