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INFORMATION ITEM: Update on Academic Program Review

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A total of 254 undergraduate and graduate programs were reviewed during the process, a number that excluded programs that had been in place for two years or less. The process resulted in the identification of 47 programs (14 undergraduate, 21 master’s, and 12 doctoral) identified as exceptionally strong in quality and/or function and demand to be considered for possible future investment. The Provost is currently working with the Deans Council on a strategy for investing resources into the exceptionally strong programs. Seventeen programs (7 undergraduate, 9 master’s, 1 doctoral) were identified as having challenges in quality and/or function/demand but necessary to retain due to their importance to UNCG’s vision and mission. For these programs, specific interventions for strengthening are being developed by deans and department heads/chairs. Forty-one programs (25 undergraduate, 7 post-baccalaureate or post-master’s certificate, 7 master’s, and 2 doctoral) were recommended for discontinuation based on recommendations coming forward largely (although not exclusively) from the academic units. Six high priority programs were not reviewed because they had been established within a two-year period of time from the onset of the APR process.

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