

AGENDA
PROVOST'S COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 9, 2009
Corbett Conference Room
Meeting Time: 10:00 – 12:00

1. Announcements

2. Topic: Closing admissions to programs recommended for elimination

Attachment:

Background: The campus has the authority to close admissions to programs. The campus has no policy on this. Past practice has varied. With German, admission was left open until the decision was made to eliminate a program. With Athletic Training, admission was closed once the program was proposed for elimination. We have a number of programs in Category IV that are now being considered for elimination. We had some problems this summer when students and their parents arrived on campus for HOP only to find out that some of the programs we had recruited them into were being considered for elimination. Reasons that I think of for and against: **For:** It is not fair to recruit students into these programs until we have made a decision. If a program is eliminated and students are admitted for the following year, it takes longer to phase out the program. Given the budget crisis, the default position for Category IV programs should be elimination unless there is compelling evidence otherwise. **Against:** If the program is retained, it will have fewer students than it would otherwise have and that inefficiency will persist until that cohort graduates.

Action: I need your advice on how to proceed. A decision needs to be made before the next admissions cycle, which will begin on October 1st.