Jack,

The OUS has adopted a new “structure” for submitting new program requests for approval from the OUS and the State Board. Please see the attachment. The information that is being requested is quite similar to what we ask for in Category I proposals but the structure and order of presentation of information is somewhat different. The OUS is only accepting proposals that follow this format. So, for example, we are converting the Business program proposal approved by the Faculty Senate at its May meeting into the OUS format.

I would like to request that the Faculty Senate Executive Committee review the OUS form/requirements and ask the Curriculum Council to work with Academic Affairs to ensure consistency between the OUS requirements and format and our Category I process. It is too late for this academic year, but if the FS-EC agrees we can work on this over the summer to finalize it early in fall 2011 for any changes to be available for new proposals in the 2011-12 academic year.

Thanks,

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Proposal for a New Academic Program

Institution: 
College/School: 
Department/Program: 

1. Program Description
   
   a. Proposed Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) number (contact your Registrar or campus Institutional Research office for this number).
   
   b. Brief overview (1-2 paragraphs) of the proposed program, including its disciplinary foundations and connections; program objectives; programmatic focus; degree, certificate, minor, and concentrations offered.
   
   c. Course of study – proposed curriculum, including course numbers, titles, and credit hours.
   
   d. Manner in which the program will be delivered, including program location (if offered outside of the main campus), course scheduling, and the use of technology (for both on-campus and off-campus delivery).
   
   e. Ways in which the program will seek to assure quality, access, and diversity.
   
   f. Anticipated fall term headcount and FTE enrollment over each of the next five years.
   
   g. Expected degrees/certificates produced over the next five years.
   
   h. Characteristics of students to be served (resident/nonresident/international; traditional/nontraditional; full-time/part-time; etc.)
   
   i. Adequacy and quality of faculty delivering the program.
   
   j. Faculty resources – full-time, part-time, adjunct.
   
   k. Other staff.
   
   l. Facilities, library, and other resources.
   
   m. Anticipated start date.

2. Relationship to Mission and Goals
   
   a. Manner in which the proposed program supports the institution’s mission and goals for access; student learning; research, and/or scholarly work; and service.
   
   b. Connection of the proposed program to the institution’s strategic priorities and signature areas of focus.
   
   c. Manner in which the proposed program contributes to Oregon University System goals for access; quality learning; knowledge creation and innovation; and economic and cultural support of Oregon and its communities.
d. Manner in which the program meets broad statewide needs and enhances the state’s capacity to respond effectively to social, economic, and environmental challenges and opportunities.

3. Accreditation
   a. Accrediting body or professional society that has established standards in the area in which the program lies, if applicable.
   b. Ability of the program to meet professional accreditation standards. If the program does not or cannot meet those standards, the proposal should identify the area(s) in which it is deficient and indicate steps needed to qualify the program for accreditation and date by which it would be expected to be fully accredited.
   c. If the proposed program is a graduate program in which the institution offers an undergraduate program, proposal should identify whether or not the undergraduate program is accredited and, if not, what would be required to qualify it for accreditation.
   d. If accreditation is a goal, the proposal should identify the steps being taken to achieve accreditation. If the program is not seeking accreditation, the proposal should indicate why it is not.

4. Need
   a. Evidence of market demand.
   b. If the program’s location is shared with another similar OUS program, proposal should provide externally validated evidence of need (e.g., surveys, focus groups, documented requests, occupational/employment statistics and forecasts).
   c. Manner in which the program would serve the need for improved educational attainment in the region and state.
   d. Manner in which the program would address the civic and cultural demands of citizenship.

5. Outcomes and Quality Assessment
   a. Expected learning outcomes of the program.
   b. Methods by which the learning outcomes will be assessed and used to improve curriculum and instruction.
   c. Program performance indicators, including prospects for success of program graduates (employment or graduate school) and consideration of licensure, if appropriate.
   d. Nature and level of research and/or scholarly work expected of program faculty; indicators of success in those areas.
6. **Program Integration and Collaboration**
   a. Closely related programs in other OUS universities and Oregon private institutions.
   b. Ways in which the program complements other similar programs in other Oregon institutions and other related programs at this institution. Proposal should identify the potential for collaboration.
   c. If applicable, proposal should state why this program may not be collaborating with existing similar programs.
   d. Potential impacts on other programs in the areas of budget, enrollment, faculty workload, and facilities use.

7. **Financial Sustainability**  (attach the completed *Budget Outline*)
   a. Business plan for the program that anticipates and provides for its long-term financial viability, addressing anticipated sources of funds, the ability to recruit and retain faculty, and plans for assuring adequate library support over the long term.
   b. Plans for development and maintenance of unique resources (buildings, laboratories, technology) necessary to offer a quality program in this field.
   c. Targeted student/faculty ratio (student FTE divided by faculty FTE).
   d. Resources to be devoted to student recruitment.

8. **External Review**  (if the proposed program is a graduate level program, follow the guidelines provided in *External Review of new Graduate Level Academic Programs* in addition to completing all of the above information)