

Procedure for Review of Administrative Proposals to Terminate Programs

The purpose of this procedure is to provide expedited faculty input when the administration proposes program closures, as, for example, in response to budget cuts. Under more ordinary circumstances, the standard curricular process for program termination will be employed.

If the administration proposes to terminate a program, the [Graduate/ Undergraduate] council at large may hear the proposal without a termination recommendation from that program, provided that (1) there was adequate faculty involvement in developing the proposal and (2) representatives of the Provost's office and the relevant Dean's office appear before the Council to make the case. After hearing the proposal and gathering any other evidence it deems relevant, the Council may adopt a resolution regarding the proposal, which will then become part of the Council's minutes. The minutes are subsequently forwarded to the Faculty Senate. If the Senate approves the resolution or some modification of it, then that resolution becomes the faculty's recommendation to the administration regarding the proposed program termination.