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Academic Transformation Program Portfolio Review
Preliminary Recommendation

In accordance with Board of Governor’s Academics Rule 2.2, West Virginia University’s Office of the Provost has performed an Academic Program review for the following programs and majors:

BA in Environmental Geoscience, BA in Geography, BS in Geology

The recommendation for the program is:

- Continuance at the current level of activity
- Continuance at the current level of activity with specific action
- Continuance at a reduced level of activity
- Identification of the program for further development
- Development of a cooperative program
- Discontinuance

The department forwarded a plan to replace its three (3) current majors with two (2) new majors, and up to six (6) Areas of Emphasis underlying them. While we are generally supportive of the proposal, we need additional detail around the curriculum and instructional staffing that will accompany these two (2) new majors.

The Provost’s Office requests the following additional information to be submitted to the Assistant Provost for Curriculum and Assessment for the Provost’s Office consideration:

1) A draft of the curriculum for the new BA and BS majors by the end of January 2022. The Areas of Emphasis do NOT need to be included in this draft.
2) A proposed course rotation AND staffing chart showing what existing faculty will teach in those majors and what the requested new faculty will teach. This should also be submitted to the Provost’s Office by the end of January 2022.

If this proposal is ultimately accepted, the department will be expected to submit it in CIM by the end of AY 2021-2022. Steps would be taken to simultaneously discontinue the three (3) current majors.