

APPENDIX M

Request for Authorization to Establish a New Administrative Unit at Appalachian State University

Introduction

Appalachian State University requests authorization to establish a new administrative unit named “University College.” The proposal for this unit was approved by the ASU Board of Trustees on June 15, 2007.

Description

The proposed University College will bring into a single unit a variety of university-wide academic programs and support services that are currently either free-standing or dispersed among different areas. The University College will include honors, cross-college interdisciplinary degree programs, general education, academic student support (advising, writing center, learning assistance program, orientation, and testing), and academic co-curricular programs (student research, major lecture events, service learning, and summer reading). This structure will accommodate recent and proposed institutional changes, including a proposed new general education program and the proposed dissolution of Interdisciplinary Studies as a department. Many of these areas already report to an Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, whose title would change to Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and whose major responsibility would be the administration of this new unit. Several programs from Enrollment Services and Student Development will be moved to University College in order to strengthen the relationship between academic programs and academic support units, and consequently between teaching faculty and student support staff.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the request to authorize the new administrative unit University College at Appalachian State University effective September 2007.