

# Update on Academic Efficiencies

## BOG Policy Session

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For more than a decade, public universities across the nation and the State of North Carolina have focused their attention on providing higher quality education to more students by strategically deploying the resources at their disposal. While the drive towards cost efficiency is important on both the academic and operational sides of the house, the focus of this session is on the former and is the first in a series of discussions and presentations we will have on this topic.

There will be three presentations during this policy discussion, each describing academic efficiency efforts now underway at UNC. They are illustrative of several different strategies that Boards, Chancellors, Provosts, and other university and faculty leaders are using to ensure that institutional resources are optimally deployed to protect and enhance the academic core. One presentation will describe the use of an academic program prioritization process that is designed to identify opportunities to reorganize and consolidate academic units and degrees, eliminating those that are not central to the university's mission. A second presentation focuses on efforts to more efficiently utilize space and faculty effort to deliver the curricula, consistent with institutional areas of excellence, and necessary for students to complete high quality degrees, in a timely fashion. A third presentation describes the use of inter-institutional collaborations to deliver programs of high importance but insufficient student demand to warrant a complete degree offering on any single campus.

While a focus on efficiency is always important, these efforts and others that will be presented to the Board over the coming months are now, more than ever, critical to helping us ensure that the next generation of North Carolinians is at least as well educated as the generations that preceded them.