

and how this excellence shall be maintained with the development and addition of a high quality doctoral program; measures of excellence include the number of graduates and graduation rates that match or exceed those at peer institutions;

(6) satisfactory placement rates for graduates of the institution's current doctoral programs, with comparison to peer group placement rates when available;

(7) how the program will address Closing The Gaps by 2015; and

(8) institutional resources to develop and sustain a high-quality program.

(9) where appropriate, a demonstration of plans for external accreditation, licensing, or other applicable professional recognition of the program.

(c) Review and Approval Process.

(1) As provided by Texas Education Code, §61.051(e), at least every four years the Board shall review the role and mission statements, the table of programs and all degree and certificate programs offered by each public senior university or health related institution. Requests for preliminary authority for new degree programs shall be presented as part of this review. The review shall include the participation of the institution's board of regents.

(2) The review process shall be determined by the Commissioner, but shall include a review of low-producing degree programs at the institution.

(3) The Board shall approve or re-approve the mission statement and table of programs of each institution following the review described in paragraph (1) of this subsection. Each institution shall be given an opportunity to be heard by the Board about these matters.

(4) Outside the normal review process described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, an institution may request of the Board an amendment to its authorized role and mission and/or preliminary authority for additional degree programs at any time the Commissioner determines that compelling circumstances warrant.

(5) After approval or re-approval, requests for new programs and administrative changes shall be considered in the context of the approved role and mission for the institution.

(6) The Commissioner may approve minor changes to the mission statement or table of programs of an institution during the period between the reviews referenced in paragraph (1) of this subsection.

Source Note: *The provisions of this §5.24 adopted to be effective May 28, 2003, 28 TexReg 4124; amended to be effective May 12, 2005, 30 TexReg 2661; amended to be effective November 22, 2005, 30 TexReg 7726; amended to be effective May 14, 2007, 32 TexReg 2639*

§5.25 Course Approvals at Public Universities

(a) Under the provisions of Texas Education Code, §61.052 (a) and (b), institutions shall report its course offerings and changes to its course offerings following procedures established by the Commissioner.

(b) Institutions may not offer courses at levels or in programs not approved by the Board,

(c) The Commissioner may order the deletion or consolidation of any courses so submitted after giving due notice with reasons for that action and after providing a hearing if one is requested by the governing board of the institution.

Source Note: *The provisions of this §5.25 adopted to be effective May 28, 2003, 28 TexReg 4124*

§5.26 Offering of Small Classes by Public Universities

In accordance with Texas Education Code, §51.403(d), public universities may offer organized small classes which: