


November 24, 2020

TO: Jason Stajich, Chair
Academic Senate

FROM: Philip Brisk, Chair
BCOE Executive Committee 

RE: The Role of Financial Planning and Analysis in the Establishment and Financial Management of Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs

Dear Jason,

The BCOE Executive Committee reviewed the proposed policy that encompasses the Role of Financial Planning and Analysis in the Establishment and Financial Management of Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs (SSGPDPs). The BCOE Executive Committee members raised no objections to the proposed policy.

The BCOE Executive Committee would like to take this opportunity to make the following recommendations to ensure that this policy is implemented effectively:

- The assessment (tax) structure may emerge as an impediment. While large assessments are beneficial from a Central Administration perspective, it reduces the incentive at the College/School or Departmental levels to create new SSGPDPs or continue existing ones.
 - A positive framing of this statement would be that a typical SSGPDP would prefer limited assessment coupled with limited oversight.
 - A negative framing of this statement would be that a typical SSGPDP would be strongly opposed to additional assessments in exchange for additional oversight.
- The proposed policy could benefit from providing additional information about the role of the Senate vis-à-vis the role of Campus Administration.
 - It is unclear which structures/committees are presently doing what for existing SSGPDPs.
 - The role of the Senate Committee on Planning and Budget is unclear, and whether or not it is advisory.