

Looking Ahead: Questions on Degree Productivity

The questions below are related. Please take a moment and read through *all* of them and then provide your perspective.

1. In light of the foregoing discussion, what is your view on the setting of minimum acceptable undergraduate degree productivity level(s), below which a justification for continuation of the degree program or major would be needed?
2. Should UW institutions have or set minimum acceptable undergraduate degree productivity level(s)? If “no” skip to question #5.
3. Should the minimum acceptable degree productivity level be on an individual campus basis (each campus setting its own level) or should there be a UW system-wide level?
4. How would we arrive at such a number/level, and what would be the exceptions whether it is done on an individual campus basis or system-wide basis? How would this work be done and by whom? (See example from the Tennessee Board of Regents on next page.)
5. In the absence of minimum acceptable degree productivity level(s), how would we ensure that low producing programs are identified, monitored and appropriate actions taken in a timely manner without major difficulties? How would we ensure that we would not be conducting another program realignment exercise again within a few years?