

CHARGE APPROVED BY SAC OF AN ACADEMIC MASTER PLAN FOR UA:

In the broadest sense, discussions of an Academic Master Plan (AMP) for the UA should result in the following;

1. A series of recommendations made to the President's Council (and, if the President agrees, to the BOR) concerning;
 - a. Reaffirmation and differentiation of missions and related programmatic functions among respective MAU's,
 - b. Identification of new research, programmatic and related academic initiatives undertaken at respective MAU's,
 - c. Reaffirmation of the principles associated with access and choice for respective MAU's,
 - d. Reaffirmation of the principles of governance and clarification, if needed, on the role and scope of various systemwide academic governance committees and forums.
2. The following considerations should frame SAC discussions of the AMP;
 - a. The AMP as discussed here may not usurp the role or authority of the BOR, but should seek to clarify and build upon broad mission related mandates, academic governance processes, and prior academic plans/strategies in place at respective MAU's,
 - b. It is recognized that some duplication in programs and degrees presently exists and will remain or be added in a number of programmatic/degree areas,
 - c. Similarly, existing programs and degrees may be identified and assigned to a various MAU based on criteria (e.g., economies of scale, MAU capacity, regional needs, demonstrated expertise, enrollment demand, available resources or related factors) leading to such conclusion. The criteria, which shall be construed broadly, for the identification and assignment of such programs or degrees will be discussed.
3. As the role, scope and function of various systemwide academic governance forums and groups are identified and clarified, SAC may recommend discontinuation or further refinement of such governance bodies following appropriate consultation.
4. All ideas and issues should be considered if brought forward. However, all written recommendations must be approved by SAC.
5. As discussions unfold on the AMP, SAC may agree to identify and appoint ad hoc committees to work on various aspects of the AMP, including implementation matters. It is assumed that other individuals, constituencies, forums and governance bodies will be identified and involved in the review/development of this plan (prior to recommendation to the President's Council) and in its implementation.
6. It is hoped that discussions for an AMP will be concluded by spring semester 2009. However, recommendations concerning various aspects of the AMP may go forward prior to that time.