

# Proposal 4: Eliminating the Academic Planning Advisory Committee

## 2010 Defining Document Language

### *Academic Planning Advisory Committee*

#### Membership

- Four tenured full-time faculty (representing each College/School, appointed by Provost, in consultation with the Deans and Faculty Senate Chair; staggered two-year terms);
- Academic Deans, including the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs from the College of Law;
- Director, Institutional Research; and
- Two staff members (at least one outside of Academic Affairs), appointed by Provost

## Academic Planning Advisory Committee

The Academic Planning Advisory Committee serves in an advisory role to the Provost. This *strategic brainstorming* group is responsible for proactively formulating and recommending goals and initiatives for advancements and innovations in academic program and student learning excellence. Recommendations may include consideration of new programs and changes to or elimination of existing programs. Recommendations may also pertain to advancing an optimal learning environment for students. The Academic Planning Advisory Committee also serves as an incubator to build the capacity of academic leaders for program innovation and leadership.

In forming recommendations, The Academic Planning Advisory Committee will

- review and analyze key indicators of academic program effectiveness (including evidence of student learning outcomes) and efficiency (as defined by the “Key Indicators” Academic Planning Work Group, January 2010);
- study national higher education best practices and research on learning effectiveness;
- study and keep the Stetson University community sharply focused on the contemporary importance of and potential innovations in Liberal Arts learning goals for lifelong personal and professional success;
- consult with local, regional, national, and international higher education and professional resources regarding cutting-edge and forecasted higher education opportunities; and

- structure opportunities for Stetson University faculty, staff, students, and alumni to be connected with and contribute to this strategic brainstorming.

Recommendations from the Academic Planning Advisory Committee will be considered carefully by various governance and administrative bodies, as required by University policy and as appropriate within University planning and strategic resource allocation systems. For example, recommendations about program and/or curriculum change will follow UCCAP policy and procedures and, if relevant, associated criteria and procedures as defined in the University Policy on Academic Program Initiation and Discontinuation.

## 2021 Proposed Substantive Changes

Eliminate both sections above, and all references to that committee throughout the document.