

BOARD ACTION

Policy:	
Title:	Approval of 2022 Low Enrollment and Duplicate Programs Report
<u>Background of Issue:</u>	
<p>Background: Section 3345.35 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that the boards of trustees of each state institution of higher education evaluate all courses and programs based on enrollment and duplication with other state institutions of higher education.</p>	
<p>Section 3345.35: <i>Not later than December 31, 2017, and by the first day of September of every fifth year thereafter, the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall evaluate all courses and programs the institution offers based on enrollment and duplication of its courses and programs with those of other state institutions of higher education within a geographic region, as determined by the chancellor of higher education. For courses and programs with low enrollment, as defined by the chancellor, the board of trustees shall provide a summary of recommended actions, including consideration of collaboration with other state institutions of higher education. For duplicative programs, as defined by the chancellor, the board of trustees shall evaluate the benefits of collaboration with other institutions of higher education to deliver the program.</i></p>	
<p><i>Each board of trustees shall submit its findings under this section to the chancellor not later than thirty days after the completion of the evaluations or as part of submitting the annual efficiency report required pursuant to section 3333.95 of the Revised Code.</i></p>	
<p>To comply with the legislation, the Chancellor provides a definition of low-enrollment courses and programs and the Department of Higher Education provides a list of duplicative programs within each region of the state, with particular attention to co-located campuses.</p>	
<p>The board of trustees of each state college and university must submit a report that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- a description of the process and data used to identify courses and programs that meet the Chancellor’s definition of low enrollments;- a summary of recommended actions for each identified low enrollment course (e.g., no action, course elimination, reduction in the number of sections or the timing of sections, change in course delivery modality, targeted as a candidate for course sharing);- a summary of recommended actions for each low enrollment program (e.g., no action, close program, merge with other programs in the institution, collaborate with other state institutions);- for each duplicative program not targeted for action, a rationale for continuing the program in its current form; and- for each duplicative program considered for action, the recommended action (e.g., close program, collaborate with other state institutions).	
<p>The reports shall be approved by the boards of trustees and submitted along with the board resolution by September 30, 2022.</p>	

The attached Low Enrollment and Duplicate Programs Report serves as Edison State's fulfillment of this requirement by the state of Ohio.

Impact on Student Success: This report ensures that Edison State's courses and programs of study are offered efficiently and are valuable to students and the community.

Impact on Budget: No impact on the budget is anticipated at this time.

Recommendation: Approve the report as presented.

Approved: YES / NO

Signature  , Board Chair

Date: 9-28-22