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POLICY

Assessment of Academic Programs

1. Purpose

This policy outlines the principles for the regular assessment of the academic programs offered at Zayed University.

2. Application

All academic degree programs, the academic program model, and the general education program will be assessed at regular intervals. The schedule will be staggered so that some program assessment will be occurring each year. As new programs are approved, they will be added to the review schedule.

3. Policy

The assessment of academic programs will provide for ongoing, systematic improvement of the programs offered at Zayed University. Academic programs will be assessed at regular intervals. As part of that process, each program will critically examine itself and analyze its effectiveness in meeting its mission and goals, and establish a sustainable and continuous process of learning outcomes assessment. An external assessment team will visit the university and make an independent, professional assessment of the program and its operations against its own mission and goals and the accepted “best practice” international standards within the cultural context of the region. As a result of the self-study and the report of the external team, the Dean will prepare a plan to enhance the effectiveness of the program, subject to the approval of the Provost, and report annually on progress in its implementation.

4. Related Policies

N/A

5. Administration

This policy is administered by the Office of the Provost.

6. Revision History

Date	Revision
24 September 2020	Approved by the Provost. Explicit mention made of learning outcomes assessment, non-substantive changes to wording, and Purpose section added.
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