Update on Curriculum and Assessment Initiatives

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Governance/Coordination Update

• Implementation of New Graduate Council
  • Based on Graduate Bylaws revision 2018-2019
  • Parallels processes in UUCC
  • Led to excellent discussions re: courses/programs/collaborations

• Program deployment coordination group
  • Registrar, Chancellor’s office, OGC, OGS
  • Goal: coordinate with schools/colleges on logistics of deploying programs (already approved) at campuses outside Boston
  • Scope & processes being developed
Curriculum Initiatives

• Open PlusOne/PlusJD Format
  • Expand BS/BA pathways for various MS/MA/JD programs
  • Eliminate separate governance actions for B-M-JD combinations
  • Define preparatory courses for BS/BA majors out of alignment with MS/MA
  • Create easier search of combinations

• Combined Majors
  • Increase combinations/improved integration
  • Goal: eliminate obstacles, reduce workload to launch
  • “Graduate” existing → stand-alone degrees, more integration

• PhD “off-ramp” MS
Assessment

Goal: develop university-wide assessment & continuous improvement culture and processes

• Fall 2019: technology platform selection
  • Working group formed to structure evaluation/selection
  • Selection of AEFIS for Sp/Su 2020 pilot

• Spring 2020: pilot and support for other units
  • Development/delivery of training, other academic unit support
  • Integration with ITS support: LMS, Banner, other systems
  • Hiring of Director, Institutional Assessment/Evaluation
  • Re-formation of Assessment Oversight Group (OAG)
Assessment

• Summer 2020
  • Final planning for university roll-out, programmatic assessment
  • Conversion of program plans to AEFIS
  • Planning for NUpath assessment (with SAC/Senate)

• Fall 2020
  • Assessment materials and data collection using AEFIS

• End of Spring 2021
  • Programs review assessment data, carry out continuous improvement activities
Thank You!

Questions?