

BOARD OF REGENTS
BRIEFING PAPER

Agenda Item Title: Handbook Revision: DRI Academic Master Plan

BACKGROUND & POLICY CONTEXT OF ISSUE:

Current Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 3.3) stipulates that each new or updated institutional strategic plan include an academic master plan that is presented for action to the Student and Academic Affairs Committee. DRI recently updated their institutional strategic plan (approved by the Board during the November 2007 meeting) and will bring their academic master plan to the Board for action at the August 2008 meeting. Academic master plans outline the intended development of new academic, research, or student service-related programs or units. As DRI's academic programs are research specific, the Research and Economic Development Committee is a more appropriate Committee for Board action.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS BEING RECOMMENDED OR REQUESTED:

Amend Board policy (Title 4, Chapter 14, Section 3.3) to allow DRI to present their academic master plan to the Research and Economic Development Committee.

IMPETUS (WHY NOW?):

DRI will bring their updated academic master plan to the Board at the August 2008 meeting. Amending Board policy now will ensure that the appropriate Committee receives the updated academic master plan.

BULLET POINTS TO SUPPORT REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

- DRI's academic master plan is research specific, meaning that their programs are wholly research-related. The Board Committee that reviews and takes action on research-related matters is the Research and Economic Development Committee.

POTENTIAL ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION:

None have been brought forward.

ALTERNATIVE(S) TO WHAT IS BEING REQUESTED/RECOMMENDED:

Do not approve the request and have the Student and Academic Affairs Committee continue to receive DRI's academic master plan for review and action.

COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD POLICY:

- Consistent With Current Board Policy: Title # ____ Chapter # ____ Section # ____
X Amends Current Board Policy: Title # 4 Chapter # 14 Section # 3.3
 Amends Current Procedures & Guidelines Manual: Chapter # ____ Section # ____
 Other: _____
 Fiscal Impact: Yes ____ No ____
Explain: _____

POLICY PROPOSAL
TITLE 4, CHAPTER 14, SECTION 3.3
Institutional Academic Master Plans

Additions appear in *boldface italics*; deletions are [~~stricken~~ and bracketed]

3. Each new or updated institutional strategic plan shall include an academic master plan for each institution that outlines the intended development of new academic, research, or student service-related programs or units and shall be presented for action to the Student and Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents, *except for DRI, which shall present its academic master plan to the Research and Economic Development Committee.*