

BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

Franklin University
Institutional Reauthorization

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION

Franklin University meets the Chancellor's standards for continued institutional authorization. Staff recommends continued authorization through December 31, 2018 to coincide with the university's next accreditation review with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The university will submit a progress report to the Chancellor's staff by December 31, 2009 to provide an update on the implementation of curricular changes underway at the institution.

Profile: Franklin University is an independent non-profit institution, centrally located in downtown Columbus, Ohio. Originally established in 1902 as the YMCA School of Commerce, the university today serves a diverse student body on its main campus, through the delivery of online programs, and at three off-site locations.

Accreditation/Authorization: Franklin University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition, the university has been authorized by the Ohio Board of Regents since 1972.

Program Offerings: Franklin University offers associate and bachelor of science degrees with majors in fields related to business, communications, computer science, healthcare, information technology, and leadership. At the graduate level, the university offers the Master of Business Administration and Master of Science degrees in Computer Science, and Marketing and Communication. Programs are delivered in seated, hybrid, and online formats and at off-campus locations in Delaware, Dublin, and Westerville, Ohio.

Institutional Changes: Since the university's last reauthorization review, the institution has had a change in the presidency; opened a new off-site location in Delaware, Ohio; and established/eliminated majors to better meet the needs of its students. A revision to the university's general education core is currently underway and the institution will provide an update on these efforts to the Chancellor's staff through the submission of a progress report.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: Franklin University meets the Chancellor's standards for continued institutional authorization. Staff recommends continued authorization through December 31, 2018 to coincide with the university's next accreditation review with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The university will submit a progress report to the Chancellor's staff by December 31, 2009 to provide an update on the implementation of curricular changes underway at the institution.

End of Comment Period: February 3, 2009
No Comments Received: Recommend Approval

Approved:


Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

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