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**RE: Call for Five-Year Lists of New Programs 2024-25 through 2028-29**

Dear Colleagues:

It is time for the annual “Five Year Perspectives” call of proposed academic degree programs. The planning timeframe is 2024-25 through 2028-29, and programs should only be included if implementation is expected during this timeframe. We will continue to identify the total number of years proposals have been on the list. Any proposal that has remained on the list for more than three years with no discernible activity will be withdrawn unless a justification is provided for retaining it on the list.

Below is the current campus list identifying the number of years each proposal has been included (counting 2023-24, assuming that the program continues to be included on the list).

<b>Division</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Years on List</b>	<b>Rationale Required</b>
Arts	Low Residency Dance M.F.A., Performance, Play, and Design Department, Professor Ted Warburton (tedw@ucsc.edu)	10	Y
Arts	Future Stages Ph.D., Performance, Play, and Design, Department, Professor Michael Chemers (chemers@ucsc.edu)	4	Y
Eng	Statistics B.S., Statistics Department, Professor Robert Lund (rolund@ucsc.edu)	3	N
Eng	Translational Medicine M.S., Biomolecular Engineering Department, Professor Josh Stuart (jstuart@ucsc.edu)	3	N
Hum	Middle Eastern and North Africa Studies B.A. Interdepartmental Professor Jennifer Derr (jderr@ucsc.edu)	5	Y
PBSci	Astronomy B.S., Astronomy & Astrophysics Department Professor Ruth Murray Clay (rmc@ucsc.edu)	4	Y

I ask that you look over the above list and:

- 1) Note which of your programs, if any, should be removed from the list.
- 2) Provide a written rationale for retaining any program that continues to remain on the list for four or more years (and which has not started the formal review process).
- 3) Add any newly proposed programs. For each newly proposed program, please include a brief description of the program's goal and fit with division or school academic plans. For each graduate program, please include a two-page summary in a Word document.<sup>1</sup>

Please transmit the above information, including any required graduate degree program summaries (updated for programs you wish to retain on the list), no later than December 8, 2023 to the attention of [abrondar@ucsc.edu](mailto:abrondar@ucsc.edu)

Last year's campus list is downloadable [academicaffairs.ucsc.edu/documents/five-year-list-23-27.pdf](https://academicaffairs.ucsc.edu/documents/five-year-list-23-27.pdf). Please keep in mind that the Five-Year Perspectives are public documents and inform campus accountability reports. Deans should select programs for the list accordingly.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [vpaa@ucsc.edu](mailto:vpaa@ucsc.edu), or Senior Analyst Alex Brondarbit.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> The template for the *Five-Year Planning Perspectives* can be found in Appendix E of the Academic Programs and Units: Policy and Procedures Governing Establishment, Disestablishment and Change. The policy can be accessed on the VPAA website at <https://academicaffairs.ucsc.edu/program-development/index.html>