

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACTION ITEM

DATE: August 5, 2025

ITEM: Academic Actions: Academic Programs and Academic Units

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

PRESENTED BY: Dr. Robbie Melton, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost  
Charlise Anderson, Managing Executive Director, Institutional Effectiveness, Research, Planning and Assessment and Accreditation Liaison

**Background Information**

The ongoing review and evaluation of Tennessee State University's academic programs and academic units is a critical component for the institution to maintain regional and specialized accreditation. Academic programs that are mission-oriented, market-driven for student recruitment and workforce development, and cost conscious are essential indicators in program evaluation and productivity. It is critical that the University communicates on an ongoing basis the performance of its academic program inventory.

Information regarding this action item was submitted to the Student and Academic Affairs Committee during its June 13, 2025, meeting. During that meeting, the Committee requested a succinct summary of the two agenda items presented: (1) Approval of Academic Affairs Low Producing Program Closure (Sunset) and (2) Approval of Academic Program Modifications. The Office of Academic Affairs submitted the information contained in Table 1 below to the Committee. Upon reviewing and considering the information in Table 1 below, the Student and Academic Affairs Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of these items, presented as one action item here, during the Committee's July 1, 2025, meeting.

**Board Action**

The Board Chair will call for a motion on the requested action.

**MOTION: To approve the Academic Actions for academic programs and academic units as outlined in Table 1. Supplemental information to support these Academic Actions are contained in the June 12-13, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting materials.**

**The proper officers of the University are authorized to take other actions as may be necessary and deemed appropriate and work with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC) to implement these academic actions for academic programs and academic units.**

**Table 1.***Tennessee State University**Summary of Academic Actions: Academic Programs and Academic Units*

<b>College</b>	<b>Academic Program or Academic Unit</b>	<b>Academic Action</b>
Business	Business Information Systems, BBA	1. Inactivate eBusiness Technology Concentration in the Business Information Systems, BBA program
Business	Business Administration, BBA CIP Code: 52.0201(Business Administration & Management, General) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ General Business</li> <li>▪ Hospitality &amp; Tourism Management</li> <li>▪ Human Resource Management</li> <li>▪ Management</li> <li>▪ Marketing</li> <li>▪ Supply Chain Management</li> </ul>	2. Terminate two concentrations in Business Administration, BBA : General Business and Management 3. Create new Business Management, BBA program with 2 concentrations in General Business and Management. CIP Code: 52.0299
Business	Reorganize 4 departments to 3 departments: 1) Department of Accounting 2) Department of Business Administration ( <i>no change</i> ) 3) Department of Business Information Systems 4) Department of Economics & Finance	4. Name change from Dept. of Accounting to create <i>Department of Accounting, Economics &amp; Finance</i> 5. Name change to include “Management” in the <i>Department of Business Information Systems and Management</i>
Education	Instructional Leadership, Educational Specialist (EdS)	6. Terminate the Instructional Leadership, EdS program
Education	Reorganize 3 departments to 2 departments: 1) Dept. of Educational Leadership 2) Dept. of Psychological Sciences and Counseling 3) Dept. of Teaching and Learning	7. Merge Educational Leadership and Teaching & Learning departments to create <i>Department of Education Practice and Leadership</i>

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Education	Realignment of the Elementary Education, MEd (CIP Code 13.1202) as a concentration in Curriculum & Instruction, MEd	8. Terminate the Elementary Education, MEd program 9. Create new Elementary Education concentration in the Curriculum & Instruction, MEd program
Education	Realignment of the Master of Science Professional School Counseling program as a concentration under the existing M.S. Counseling degree program.	10. Terminate the Professional School Counseling MS program 11. Create new Professional School Counseling concentration in the Counseling MS program.
Engineering	Master of Engineering  Realignment of the Master of Science Computer Information Systems Engineering program as a concentration under the existing (renamed) M.S. Engineering degree program.	12. Change degree designation of Master of Engineering to Master of Science 13. Terminate the Computer Information Systems Engineering program. 14. Create new Computer Information Systems Engineering concentration in the MS Engineering program (formerly Master of Engineering [ME] see #12 above).
Health Sciences	Dental Hygiene, Bachelor of Science (BS)	15. Terminate Dental Hygiene BS program
Health Sciences	Reorganize the Department of Cardiorespiratory Care and Health Information Management to separate and merge with existing units under the College of Health Sciences	16. Move academic programs from Department of Cardiorespiratory Care and Health Information Management TO School of Nursing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Cardiorespiratory Care Science, BS</li> </ul> 17. Change name of School of Nursing to <i>School of Nursing and Respiratory Care</i> 18. Move academic programs from Department of Cardiorespiratory Care and Health Information Management TO <i>Department of Public Health, Health</i>

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		<i>Administration and Health Sciences</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health Information Management, BS</li> </ul> 19. Change name of Department of Public Health, Health Administration and Health Sciences to <i>Dept. of Public Health, Health Administration &amp; Information, and Health Sciences</i> .
Liberal Arts	Elevating the Multidisciplinary Studies concentration to a free-standing degree program as the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Multidisciplinary Studies and within the APM terminate the remaining three concentrations (Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences).	20. Elevate the Multidisciplinary concentration within the Arts & Sciences, BS program to a free-standing Bachelor of Science in Multidisciplinary Studies program (CIP Code 30.0000 Multi-/Interdisciplinary Studies, General) 21. Terminate Arts & Sciences BS program by terminating all remaining concentrations (Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences)
Life and Physical Sciences	Inactivate the Master of Science Chemistry degree program	22. Inactivate Chemistry, MS program

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