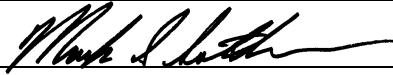


**MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST
POLICY MEMORANDUM**

		MEMORANDUM ID:	AA-2015-Academic Affairs
TITLE:	Policy for Academic Program Approval and Faculty Governance of Curricula		
ORIGINATOR:	Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost	DATE:	FEBRUARY 16, 2015
REVIEWED/APPROVED:	DATE: 2/16/15	SIGNATURES:	
DEAN'S COUNCIL			
IMPLEMENTATION:		DATE:	FEBRUARY 16, 2015
DISTRIBUTION:	University-wide via the Office of Academic Affairs Website		

I. RATIONALE:

The Medical University of South Carolina ensures a process whereby degree program curricula are directly related to and in accordance with the mission and goals of the institution. MUSC affirms faculty governance of the curricula and provides a mechanism for internal approval of new academic degree programs and modifications to existing degree programs for which external approval is required.

II. POLICY:

The faculty of each College has primarily responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of college curricula and exercises jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the curricula. The faculty prescribes the curriculum, determines academic standards, and teaches and examines curriculum content accordingly. The faculty determines requirements for admission, promotion, graduation and dismissal of students, recommends candidates for degrees and certificates, and formulates and implements rules and regulations for overall governance of degree programs. New degree programs and significant changes to the curricula of existing degree programs must first be approved by a curriculum committee charged by the College Dean and comprising faculty members with appropriate expertise. New programs or program modifications that require approval from an external regulatory body must be reviewed by the Education Advisory Committee, and are subject to approval by Deans' Council, the Senior Leadership Council, and the Board of Trustees.

III. GUIDELINES:

The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost is responsible for maintaining this policy. Academic programs in all six colleges are subject to this policy, and the dean of each college is charged with maintaining compliance in his/her college.

IV. DISTRIBUTION:

The policy will be distributed as an email attachment to college Deans, Associate Deans for Education/Academics, Academic Program Directors, and the Faculty Senate President.

V. ACCESS:

Academic Affairs Policy **AA-2015-Academic Programs** will be available from the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. It will be maintained on the Office of Academic Affairs website. This memorandum is a public document, and there is no restriction on its distribution.