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VICE PROVOST FOR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Memorandum of Understanding
Department of Liberal Studies
College of Education
February 2020 (for 2016-18 review)

This Memorandum of Understanding outlines the consensus reached by the Department of Liberal Studies, the College of Education, and the Division of Academic Affairs, based on the recent program review (self-study in spring 2016, the external review in November 2017, and UPRC report in spring 2018). It describes the goals to be achieved, and the actions to be undertaken by all parties to this MOU to achieve these goals, during the next prog

A number of strengths were identified in the reports:

- Liberal Studies is a well-structured and well managed Department. External reviewers commended the Department's "Innovation Culture", stating that the "Liberal Studies program, faculty and staff, are forward thinkers looking to advance multiple pathways into the teaching profession and securing grants to fund development of programs and curricular design and implementation."
- External reviewers also commended the faculty and staff as "'can do people' who have expert credentials and passion to serve students via innovative programs and curriculum, student support advising and support activities.
- The average time to degree for transfer students has gone from 3.5 years in 2011-12 to approximately 2.8-2.9 years in 2016-17; the average total units has gone from 156 to 145 for transfer students. For first-time freshmen the average time has gone from 5.3 in 2011-12 to 4.8 in 2016-17; the average units has gone from 143 to 133 in the same time period. (Note: ITEP is 135 units, which explains the higher unit counts. Half of FTF and approximately ¼ of transfers are in the ITEP program with 135 units.)
- Excellence in Departmental Assessment: SLOs for Liberal Studies B.A. and ITEP students are assessed via formative and summative assessments in their courses through 'signature assignments'. In addition, students have the opportunity to demonstrate their subject knowledge proficiency by passing the CBEST aq0.00000912 .

- The number of faculty in the Liberal Studies Department has dropped significantly since



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