

## **Goal 4: Enhancement of the Resource Base**

### **F. Increased efficiency of current usage**

#### **Examine low-enrolling courses**

*These courses can be dropped or offered less frequently, often without affecting time to graduation.*

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#### **Current Status**

- Since 2000, IUPUI has had a policy and set of procedures to handle low-enrolling courses.
- The minimum enrollment for courses numbered 000-499 is set at 10; the minimum enrollment for courses numbered 500-999 is 6.
- Certain types of courses are exempt from these minima.
- A mechanism exists through which a department can appeal to carry the course in a particular semester if the enrollment falls below the minimum required.
- Courses that do not meet the minima and which have not been approved for an exemption are subject to cancellation by the Registrar.
- Schools retain the right to set higher minima than those used by the campus.

#### **Recommendations**

- The committee finds that the current process is effective and that the number of courses granted exceptions each semester is low. The policy should be continued.
- The Enrollment Management Committee should be assigned the task of monitoring the ongoing effectiveness of the current policy.

#### **Implementation**

- The Enrollment Management Committee reviews the rationale for current minima and determines whether they should be adjusted due to the increased cost of instruction and the limited amount of instructional space.
- The EMC considers mechanisms that would encourage earlier decisions by departments on canceling low-enrolling courses to minimize the cancellation's impact on students enrolled.
- The EMC measures the effectiveness of the policy by tracking the decline in the number of "low-enrolling" courses after implementation of the policy and consistency of rates of exceptions over the time the policy has been in effect.
- The EMC monitors enrollments each semester.

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