

Board of Regents Retreat

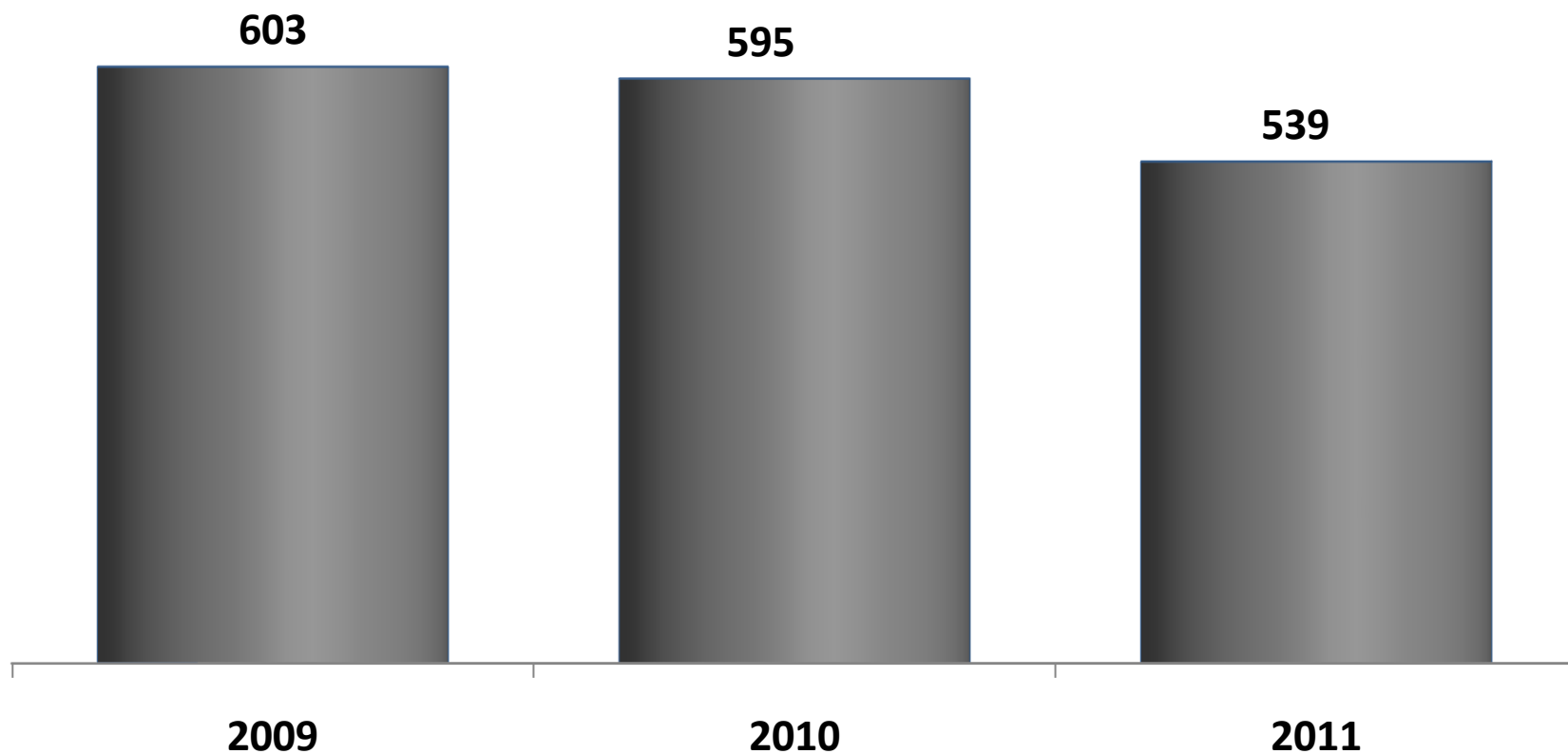
A Review Low-Producing Degree Programs

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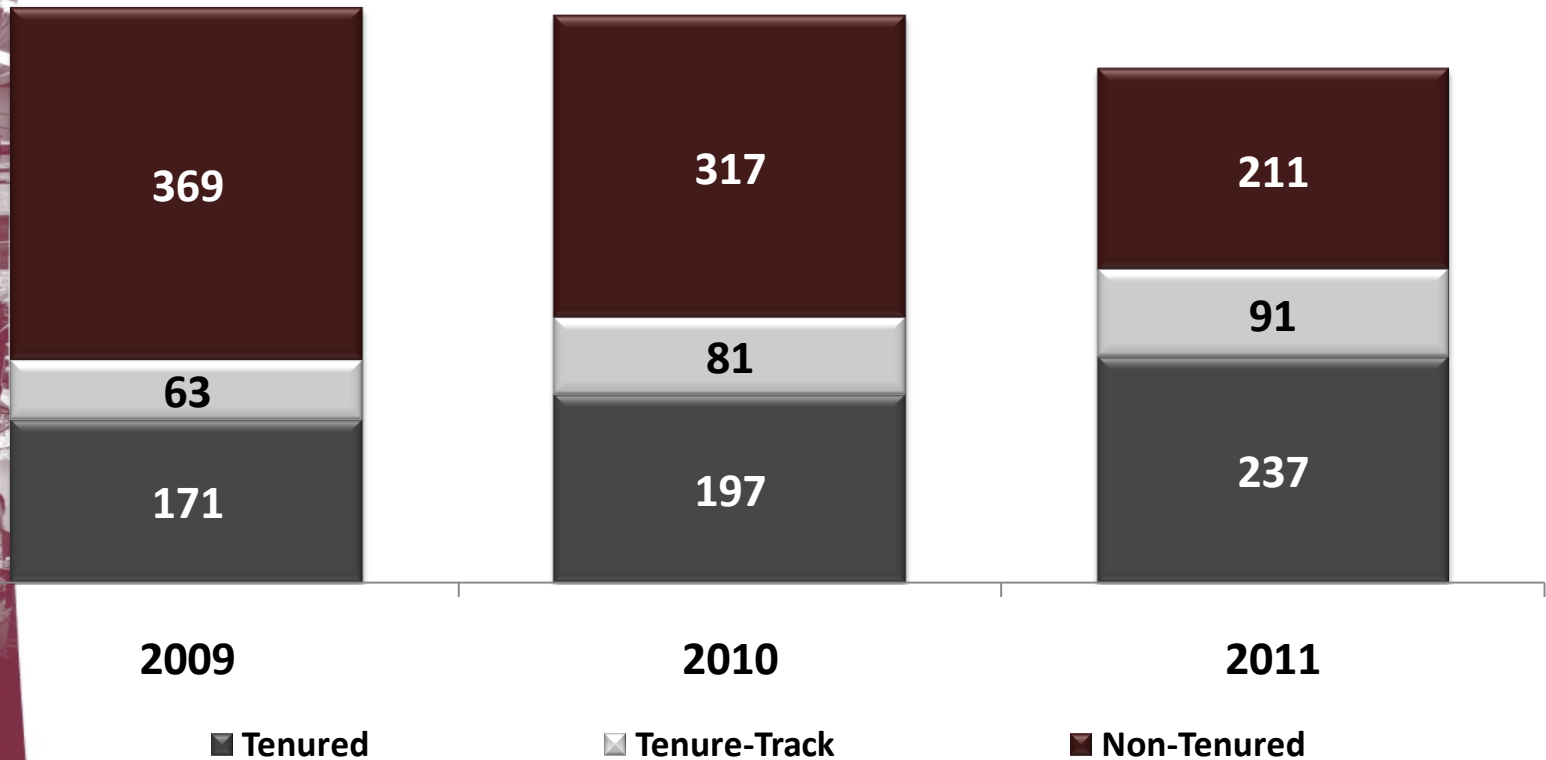


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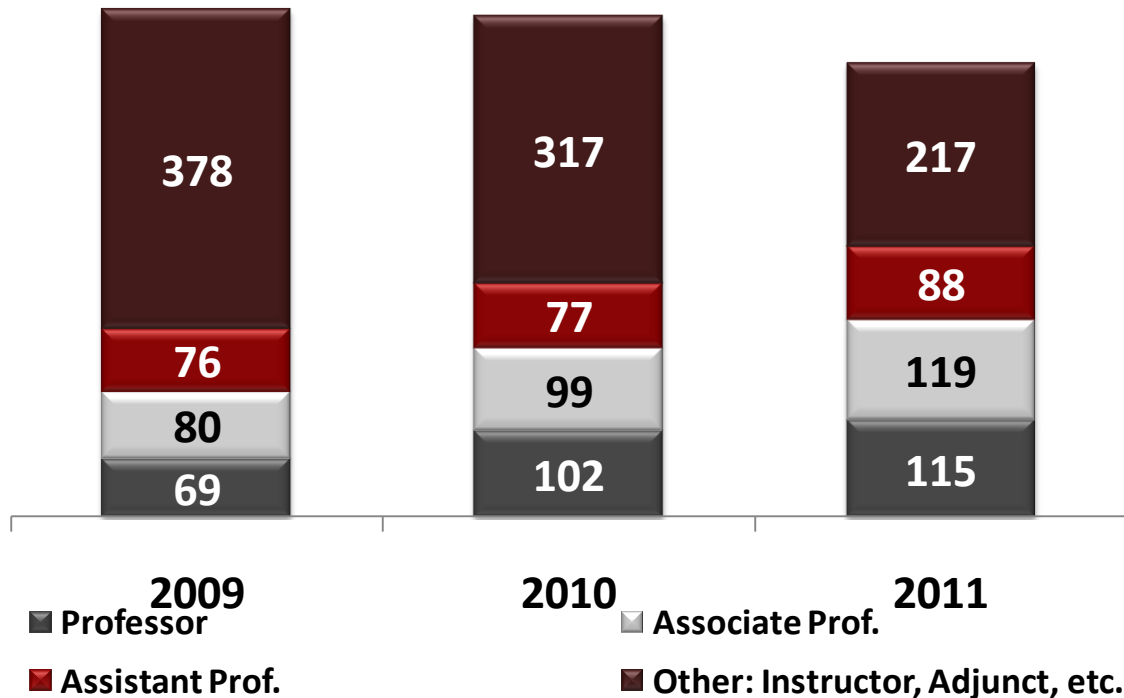
Excellence in Achievement



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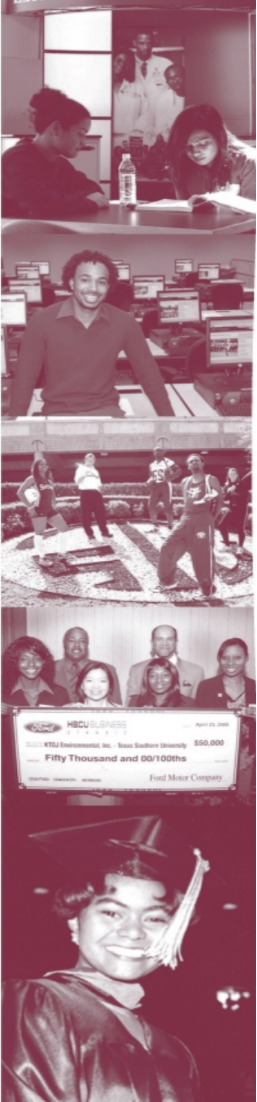
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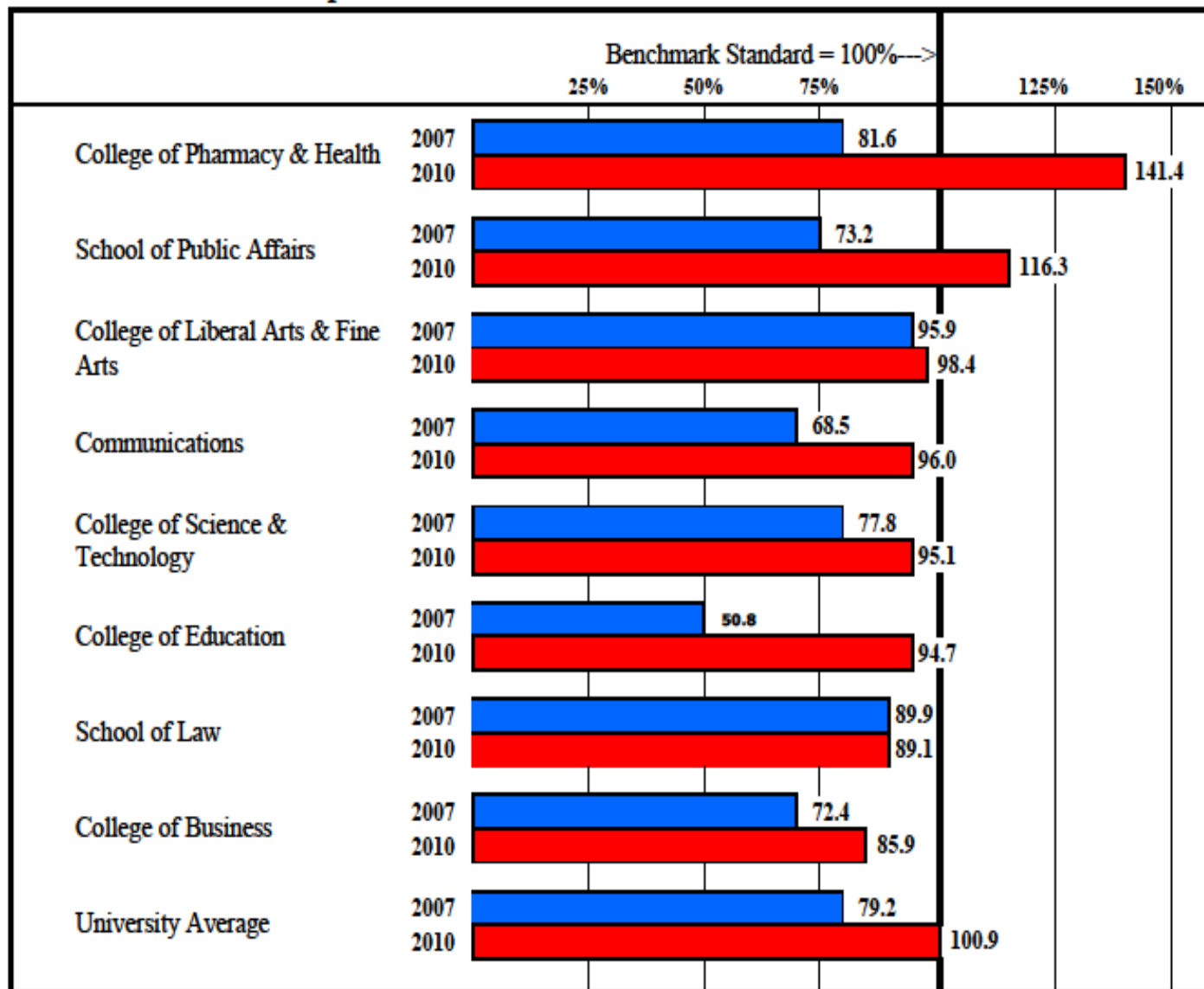
Challenge to the Deans

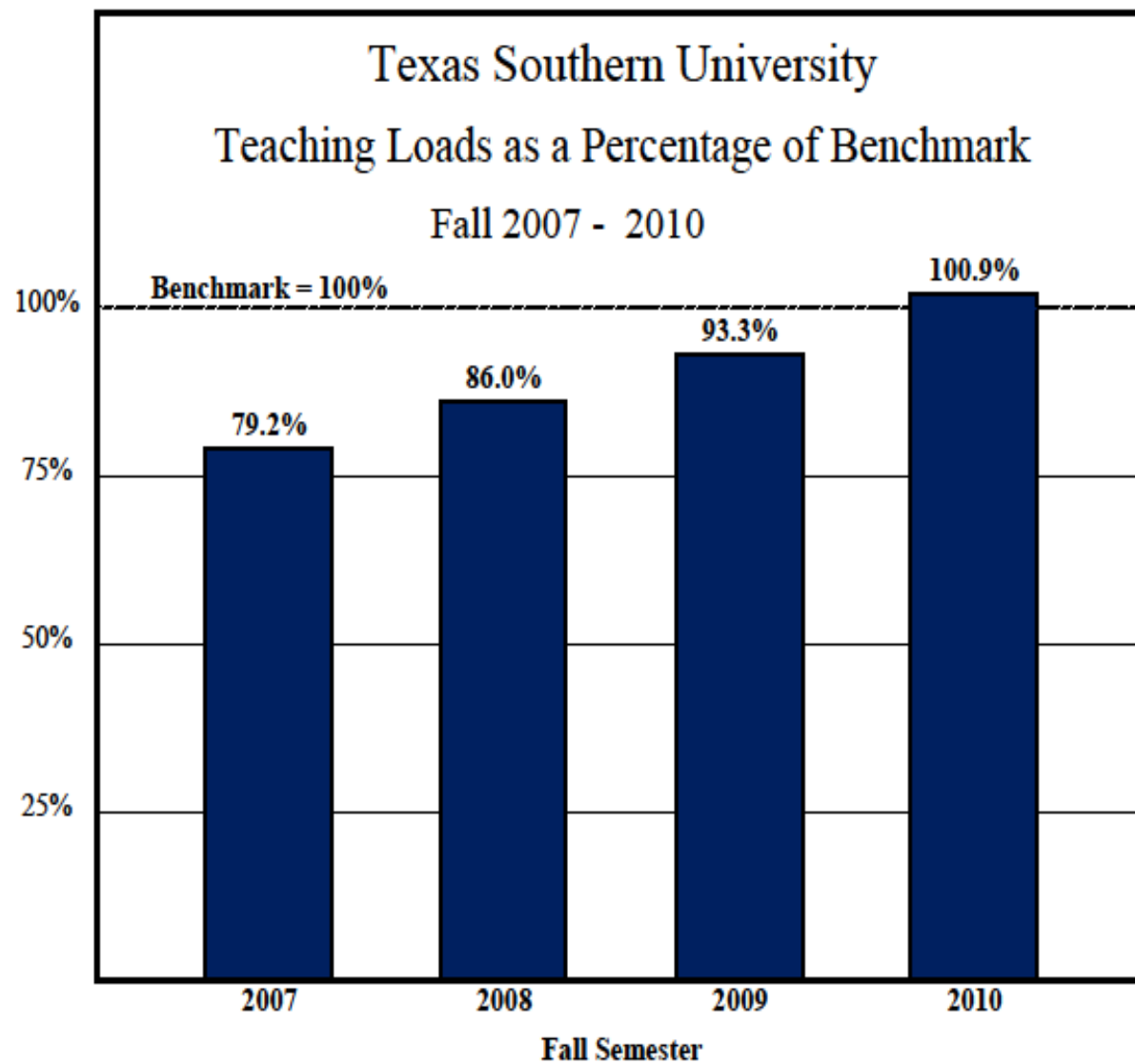
- Balancing Workloads
- Eliminating undersize classes
- Increasing graduate students
- Reducing faculty positions





Texas Southern University SCH per FTE at Percent of Benchmark Standards





THECB Policy: Classifying Low-Producing Programs

Number of Degrees Awarded

<u><i>Undergraduate Level</i></u>	<u><i>Master's Level</i></u>	<u><i>Doctoral Level</i></u>
Time Period: 5 years		
Do not graduate more than <u>25</u> students	Do not graduate more than <u>15</u> students	Do not graduate more than <u>10</u> students

THECB Policy: Early Warning

Thresholds

Yellow (3rd year watch) – Programs identified as not meeting three-year thresholds.

Associate & Bachelor's = fewer than 15 graduates

Master's = fewer than 9 graduates

Doctoral & Professional = fewer than 6 graduates

Orange (4th year alert) - Programs identified as not meeting four-year thresholds.

Associate & Bachelor's = fewer than 20 graduates

Master's = fewer than 12 graduates

Doctoral & Professional = fewer than 8 graduates

Definition: Temporary Exemption

The institution must demonstrate evidence that the low-producing degree program contributes to meeting ***Closing the Gaps*** initiatives or other Coordinating Board policies such as **workforce needs in specific industries**. **Institutions must demonstrate that an effort is being made to increase enrollment, limit cost inefficiencies, and improve student success.**

The institution may also request a temporary exemption for a program that is composed exclusively of courses required for other existing degrees and there is very limited or no additional cost associated with the degree.

Coordinating Board staff will evaluate the request for a temporary exemption. Approvals will be for a period of time determined by Coordinating Board staff after discussion with the institution.



Definition: Consolidate Program

The consolidation of programs can be used to combine programs with similar curricular components. A low-producing program may be combined with a program currently listed in your institution's program inventory (Example 1).

As the THECB program inventory does not list concentrations or tracks, institutions may combine programs with similar curricular components to create a "new" program. The consolidated program's CIP code should reflect the description of all tracks/concentrations within the consolidated program.

NOTE: Consolidated programs are not considered new programs but a grouping of similar previously approved programs. The start date for a consolidated program will be the start date of the oldest existing program.



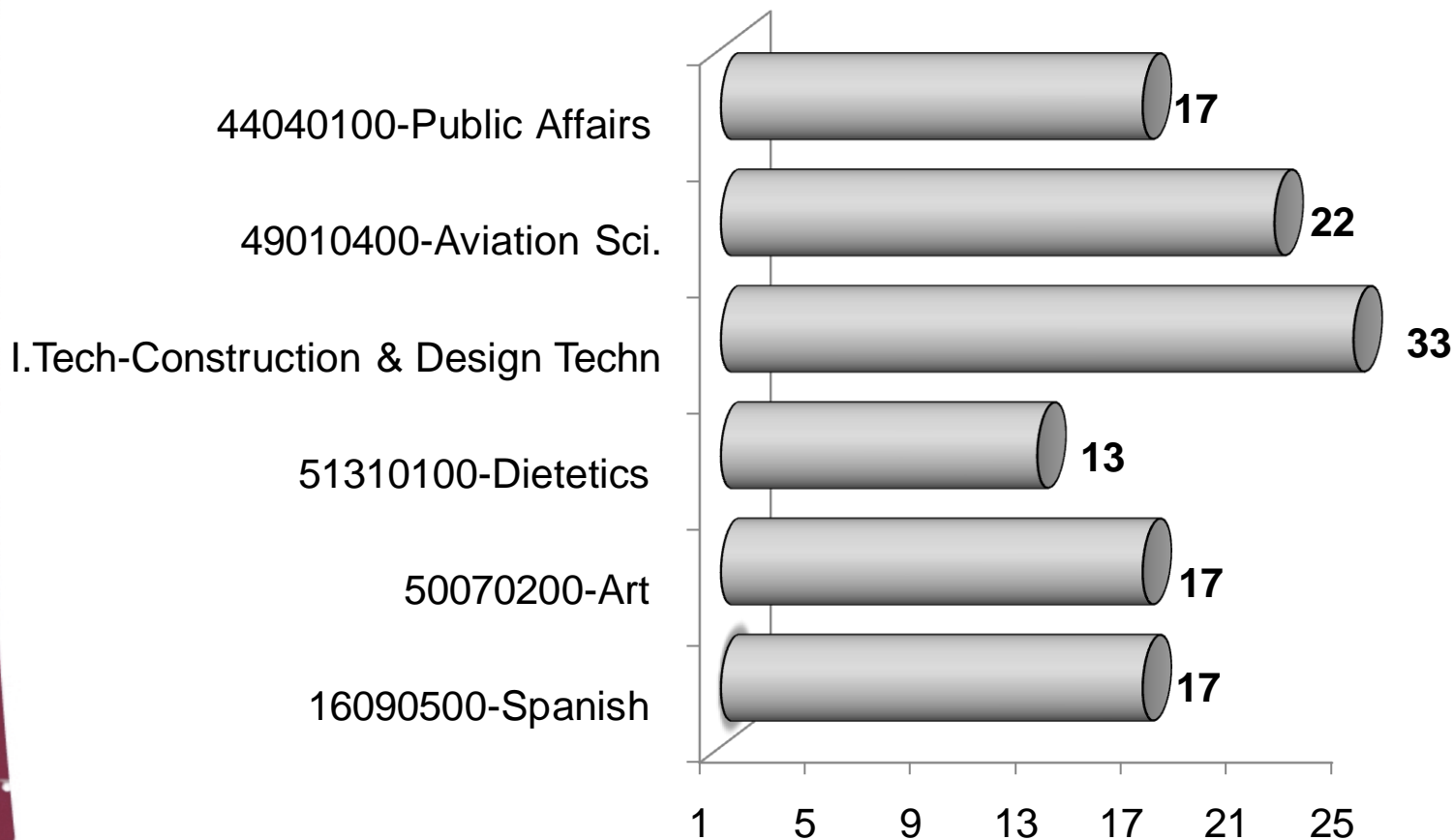
Low-Producing Undergraduate Programs



Undergraduate Level		
CIP Code & Major	School or College	Decision
45060100-Economics	COLABS	Phase out
16090100-French	COLABS	Phase out
16090500-Spanish	COLABS	Temporary Exemption
19070600-HS & CS-Child & Family Development	COLABS	Phase out
50070200-Art	COLABS	Temporary Exemption
51310100-Dietetics	COLABS	Temporary Exemption
52020500- Industrial Technology-Construction Technology	COST	Consolidation
15130100-Industrial Technology Design Technology	COST	Consolidation
49010400-Aviation Sci. /Airway Management	Science & Technology	Temporary Exemption
40080100-Physics	Science & Technology	Exemption Denied
44040100-Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Temporary Exemption

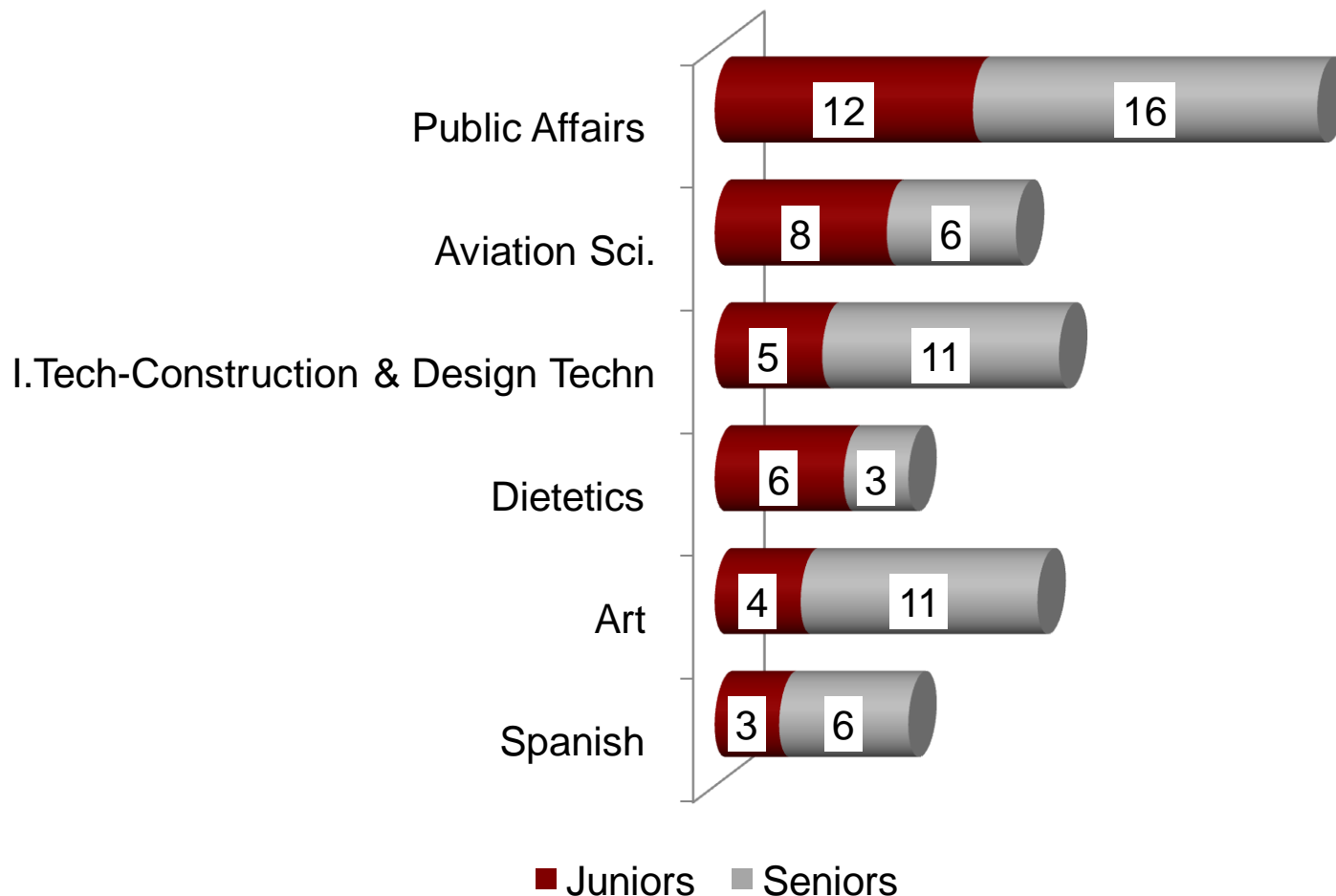
Undergraduate Programs

Degrees Awarded FY 2006-FY 2010



Undergraduate Programs

Spring 2012 (Preliminary) Student Enrollment



Low Producing Graduate (Master's) Programs



Graduate-Master's Level		
CIP Code & Major	School or College	Decision
50010100- Fine Arts	COLABS	Phase out
19050100-HS & CS-Nutrition	COLABS	Phase out
23010100-English	COLABS	Temporary Exemption
54010100-History	COLABS	Temporary Exemption
13130900- Industrial Technology	COST	Phase out
40050100-Chemistry	COST	Temporary Exemption
27010100-Mathematics	COST	Exemption Denied

Graduate (Master's) Programs

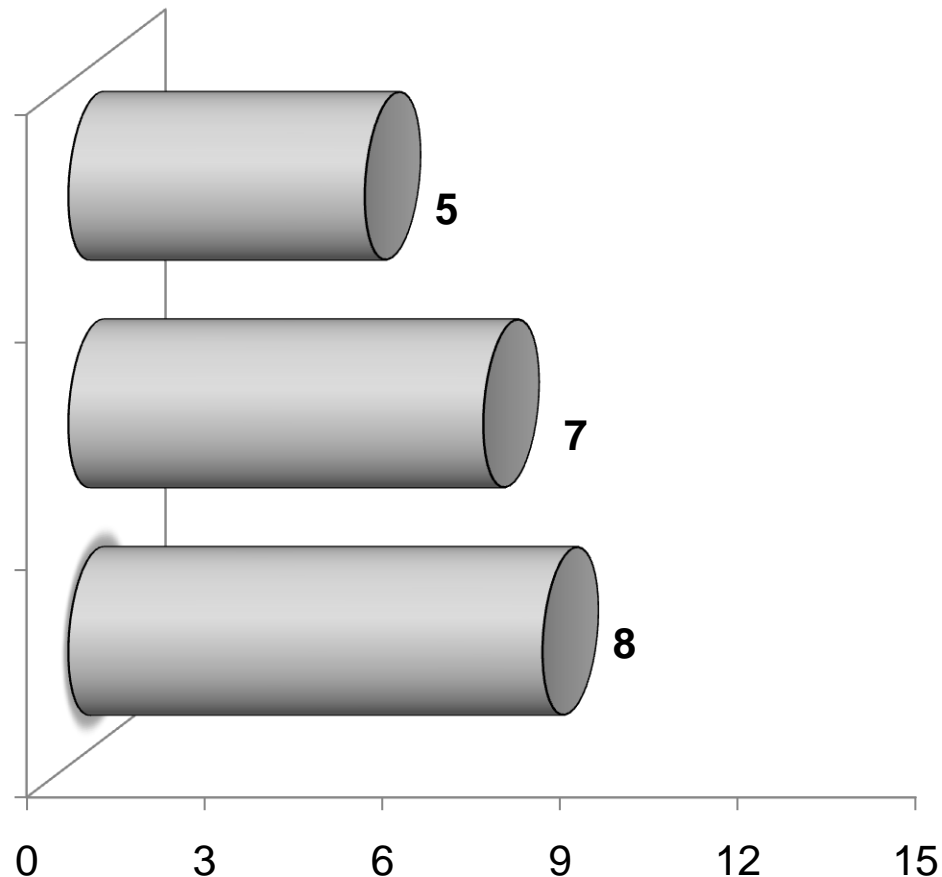
Degrees Awarded FY 2006-FY 2010



40050100-Chemistry

54010100-History

23010100-English



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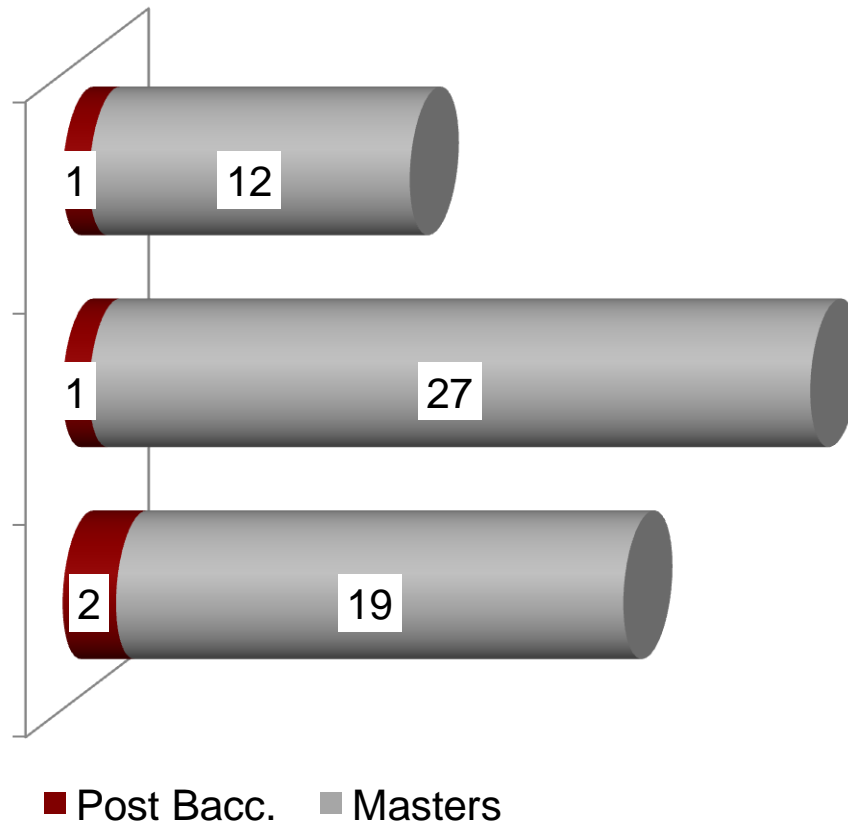
Spring 2012 (Preliminary) Student Enrollment



40050100-Chemistry

54010100-History

23010100-English



Low Producing Programs

- The University lost several programs to Coordinating Board rules and continues to have several on “probation”
- The current standards are over a five year period, undergraduate programs must average 5 graduates a year, masters 3, and doctoral 2
- The Coordinating Board proposed new standards in February of 8 for undergraduate, 5 for masters, and 3 for doctoral
- The proposal was withdrawn but is likely to resurface in some form in the future



The Threat

- Based on the withdrawn standards 37.5% of our undergraduate programs, 37.5% of our masters programs, and 42.9% of our doctoral programs would not have met the new standard in 2010-2011
- Important programs that fell below the standard include the BBA in MIS, the MS in computer science, the MS in Administration of Justice



More

- More programs at risk:
 - Both undergraduate degrees in Aviation Science & Technology
 - All graduate degrees in Health & Kinesiology
 - Biology and Chemistry graduate degrees
 - Respiratory Therapy, Environmental Health, and Health Information Management
 - Civil engineering technology and computer engineering technology
 - Three of our four Ph.D. programs



Reducing Risk

- Consolidate degrees into one with different tracks
 - Airway Science & Technology
 - Health Sciences
 - Health & Kinesiology
 - Engineering Technology
 - Fine Arts
- Improved advising and tracking



The Way Forward

- In many cases, our programs should see improved graduation numbers over the next few years
- The University needs to emphasize the value of its graduates to the state and community
- The University needs to emphasize the necessity of flexibility in meeting goals for efficiency

