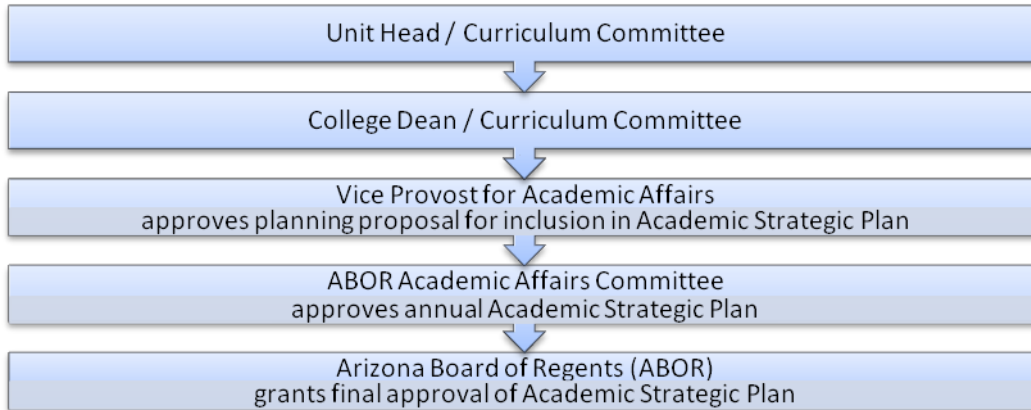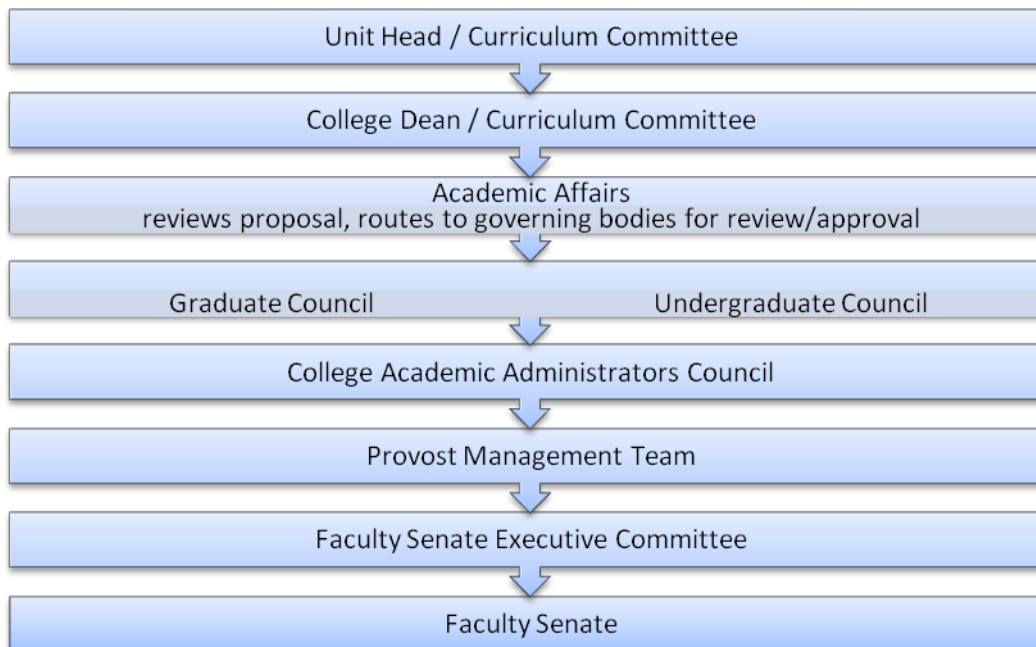## Planning Approval Process for Academic Programs and Academic Units

Units planning to create a new academic program or academic unit must obtain the following approvals prior to submitting an implementation proposal for review/approval:

Unit Head / Curriculum Committee

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College Dean / Curriculum Committee

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Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
approves planning proposal for inclusion in Academic Strategic Plan

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ABOR Academic Affairs Committee
approves annual Academic Strategic Plan

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Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR)
grants final approval of Academic Strategic Plan

Once unit and college level approvals are complete, forward academic program and/or academic unit planning requests to the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. The Vice Provost for Academic Affairs compiles the UA's Academic Strategic Plan annually to be approved by ABOR's Academic Affairs Committee each spring. Units have two years from the time planning approval is granted by ABOR to submit an implementation proposal for a new program or unit.

Implementation Approval Process for Academic Programs and Academic Units Included in ABOR Approved Academic Strategic Plan

Unit Head / Curriculum Committee

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College Dean / Curriculum Committee

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Academic Affairs
reviews proposal, routes to governing bodies for review/approval

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Graduate Council   Undergraduate Council

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College Academic Administrators Council

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Provost Management Team

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Faculty Senate Executive Committee

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Faculty Senate

Requests to implement programs not submitted for inclusion in the UA's Academic Strategic Plan may be considered by the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs on a case-by-case basis to determine whether the program requires an exception to the normal approval process. In addition to the approvals noted above, programs not included in the approved Academic Strategic Plan require approval from the Chief Academic Officers, ABOR Academic Affairs Committee and ABOR.

Approval Process for Academic Policies

Academic policy proposals may be generated by an academic unit, college, committee (e.g., University-wide General Education Committee, University General Petitions Committee, University Academic Advisors Council, etc.) or non-academic unit or committee (e.g., Dean of Students, Registrar's Office, Disability Resource Center, etc.)

Academic policy proposals do not require planning approval. Policy proposals initiated by an academic unit follow the approval process for academic programs and academic units.

Academic policy proposals initiated by a committee or non-academic unit may send policy proposals directly to the Office of Academic Affairs.

Most academic policy proposals do not require ABOR approval. Whether ABOR approval is required will be determined on a case-by case basis.