

Resolution Policy

	Action Item
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Date: May 17, 2018

RE: Senate Resolution 180517-2

Task Force to Create Paths to Degrees of the Future, rev 1, 4/13/18

In the US, the number of 18-21-year olds is dropping, and in 2025 their numbers will plummet as a result of the lower birth rates during the financial crisis that began in 2008. Additionally, the cost of a four-year university degree shows no signs of decreasing, as state and federal appropriations remain stagnant at best.

Consequently, this task force is charged with developing ways to provide a variety of flexible degrees and certificates that can serve the needs of traditional and nontraditional students alike. Specifically, the task force should:

- Examine what degrees are currently offered at both the university and our RC partners that could serve the needs of non-traditional students.
- Evaluate the changing educational and labor systems and develop new degree programs, including recommendations for faculty hires. • Determine what services and personnel will be required, and at what locations they should be located, to ensure these students can succeed.
- Ensure that many of these degrees are “stackable,” i.e., that a student could get an AA or AS at a county college, then pursue one or more CUGS, then complete a BA or BS.

The Task Force will be headed by a Chair, and will consist of three sub-committees:

1. Allied Health and Health Services

- One representative from each college, including HES and Earth and Environment
- One representative from the Nursing Department • At least one representative from CMSRU
- At least one representative from SOM
- One representative from RCGC
- One representative from RCBC
- One representative from Rowan Global

2. Business and Technology

- Three representatives from RCOB
- Three representatives from College of Engineering
- At least one representative from Computer Science
- At least one representative from IRT
- One representative from Foreign Languages

- Two faculty or professional staff members from other departments
- One representative from RCGC
- One representative from RCBC 8
- One representative from Rowan Global

3. Social Work, Law and Justice, and Human Services

- At least one representative from Law and Justice
- At least one representative from RCOB
- At least one representative from Education
- One representative from HR
- Five other faculty or professional staff members
- One representative from RCGC
- One representative from RCBC
- One representative from Rowan Global

Timeline: Committees should meet before July 1. All work should be completed by June 1, 2021, but this should be a sequential process in which certificate and degrees are developed and implemented as they are completed.

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