



Dear Ship Family:

Earlier this week, the Chancellor's Office released a list of programs that it had reviewed as part of its efforts to get a system-wide perspective of course offerings. The review focused on programs with limited enrollment and how those programs fit into the overall academic programming.

The review found that Shippensburg had just five programs that met the criteria, and showed we had among the lowest number of such programs. This low number is due to the quality of our academic programs, the excellent planning we continually undertake, and our ability to make the most effective use of our resources. The programs are Chemistry-Secondary Certification, Earth-Space Science, French, Interdisciplinary Arts, and Medical Technology.

Based on the review and on our discussion on campus, we have made decisions related to the programs. The Earth-Space Science and Interdisciplinary Arts programs will continue with no changes. The French program will continue with an increase in recruitment efforts with another review in December 2013. The Chemistry program is undergoing an additional review and those results will be discussed this December. No new students will be accepted into the Medical Technology program pending a major revision of the program.

These decisions will not involve any changes in personnel—again thanks to our wise use of existing resources.

As you know, Shippensburg has a long-standing and regular program review process, and we continue working on an academic master plan that will guide the university in decisions related to programming. This plan will provide the foundation for the university's efforts to meet the ever-changing demands of the region and explore new and emerging fields.

As we continue to meet the many challenges we face due to the ongoing fiscal situation in the Commonwealth and the nation, I ask for your support and input during these difficult times.

Thanks,

Bill