

2.B - Core Component 2.B

The institution presents itself clearly and completely to its students and to the public with regard to its programs, requirements, faculty and staff, costs to students, control, and accreditation relationships.

Argument

Wayne State University (WSU) values transparency and full disclosure of information to students and the public regarding program requirements, faculty and staff, and other resources; costs and benefits to students; and accreditation relationships. The WSU website (wayne.edu) is the primary source of information to internal and external constituencies.

- The online [Bulletin](#) presents information on academic policies, the General Education program and requirements, school/college information, major program and degree requirements, course offerings, engaged learning opportunities (e.g. research and internships, service-learning, study abroad), special academic offerings, and regional accreditation.
- Websites of individual schools and colleges present program information at a more detailed level, including faculty qualifications, specialized program accreditation, advising, and other student resources.

As described in Section 5.B., meetings of the Board of Governors (BOG) are [open to the public](#). The BOG website publishes [Procedures for Meetings of the BOG and its Committees](#), and a form through which members of the public may [Request to Address the Board](#). All BOG meeting information, agendas, supporting documents, and meeting minutes are available to the public on the website; documents are archived and accessible on the website from 1976-present.

Examples of information on programs and costs that were publicly available in advance of the official BOG meeting:

- On June 24, 2016, recommendations to discontinue several programs ([example](#)) and to establish new programs ([example](#)) were [considered by the BOG Academic Affairs Committee](#).
- Also on [June 24, 2016](#), recommended [FY2017 tuition and fee rates](#) were [considered by the BOG Budget and Finance Committee](#).
- On [Sept. 23, 2016](#), the provost presented a [status report](#) to the [BOG Academic Affairs Committee](#) on the accreditation status of all institutional programs holding specialized or disciplinary accreditation.

WSU is committed not only to compliance with all statutory and U.S. Department of Education disclosure requirements, but also to consumer-friendly communication of information.

A [Consumer Information webpage](#) serves as WSU's single-entry portal to a comprehensive series of required disclosures, as well as voluntary disclosures provided for transparency to prospective and enrolled students and their parents, and to employees. Examples of links aggregated on this webpage are program information; cost of attendance and net price calculator; rights and responsibilities of students receiving financial assistance; retention and graduation rates; the Student Right-to-Know Act; Clery Act reports on campus security and fire safety; and the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act. Through this webpage, prospective transfer students may link to WSU's Transfer Credit Evaluation website, where they can access an [online, self-service tool](#) to evaluate transferability of their college credit.

Sources

- BOG Academic Affairs Committee Agenda - 2016_06_24
- BOG Academic Affairs Committee Agenda - 2016_09_23
- BOG Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes - 2016_06_24
- BOG Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes - 2016_06_24 (page number 3)
- BOG Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes - 2016_09_23
- BOG Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes - 2016_09_23 (page number 3)
- BOG Budget and Finance Committee Agenda - 2016_06_24
- BOG Budget and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - 2016_06_24
- BOG Request to Address the Board
- Consumer Information - Webpage Portal
- Example - Recommendation to BOG Academic Affairs Committee to Discontinue Program
- Example - Recommendation to BOG Academic Affairs Committee to Establish New Program
- FY2017 Tuition and Fee Rate Recommendation
- Michigan Compiled Laws - Act 267 of 1976 - Open Meetings
- Procedures for Meetings of the BOG and Its Committees
- Status Report on Accreditation - Report to BOG - 2016_09_23
- Transfer Credit Evaluation - Website Homepage