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Possible 16 cuts revealed

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Sixteen programs spanning academic disciplines from landscape architecture to environmental hydrology may face elimination under preliminary proposals released yesterday by top administrators.

Yesterday's announcement marked the first time President Pete Likins and Provost George Davis have made specific recommendations for program cuts under Focused Excellence, a plan to narrow the university's mission in response to continued shortages in state funding.



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The proposed cuts would not impact students already enrolled in the programs, but could mean prospective applicants would not be allowed to enter them, Likins said.

In an e-mail sent to UA students yesterday afternoon, Likins and Davis stressed that the university intends to work individually with each student who could be affected by the changes to ensure that they are allowed to finish.

“It's not as if everything is going to disappear at one time,” said Jerrold Hogle, who

chairs the Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee.

Tenured faculty in affected departments would likely be appointed to other areas of the university, but some lower-level faculty and staff may lose their jobs, Likins said. Administrators will evaluate their situations on a case-by-case basis.

“The process has been, and will continue to be, daunting,” Likins said.

Under recent budget cuts, the most vulnerable employees have been lower-level staff members like secretaries, whose jobs do not directly affect teaching. But because Focused Excellence involves eliminating entire departments, higher-level jobs will also be vulnerable.

“It will have an impact on the lives of faculty and administrators,” Likins said.

Still, Lisa Wakefield, president of the Staff Advisory Council, which represents the university's lower-level employees, warns some staff members will lose their jobs as well. However, job cuts would be unavoidable even without Focused Excellence due to continued budget cuts from the state, she said.

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STUDENT UNION

New stores open in union

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Looking for a bottle of Happy Fragrance to add to the pleasure of an evening out with a significant other? Or perhaps some sunscreen to ward off the dangerous rays of a merciless Arizona sun?

In the past you would have had to get in your car and head to the mall, but not anymore.

A Clinique cosmetics center is one of the new additions to the Student Union Memorial Center, which is scheduled to have its official grand opening celebration on Feb. 17.

The Clinique counter, located inside the UofA Bookstore, sells a variety of cosmetics, including soaps, makeup, sunscreens, and fragrances, said Siena Ishinabe, a marketing and international business senior and an employee for Clinique.

Ishinabe is confident that there will be a great deal of student interest in Clinique's products.

“I have already had a bunch of people come by and check it out,” Ishinabe said. “A lot of students already use Clinique products. Now, instead of having to get in your car and go to the mall, students can get what they want right here, at the same prices they would had they gone to the mall.”

Lindsay Dragoo, a business freshman and a Clinique user, said the makeup counter was a great idea.

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TD Rowe employee Jim Phillips puts finishing touches on an air hockey machine in the Gameroom in a newly opened section of the Memorial Student Union.

Proposal generates mixed reactions

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Karen Vitkay left her home in Michigan to study at UA's School of Landscape Architecture.

Recently she bought a house, established residency and settled as a graduate student.

Now she might have to uproot herself again.

The school of landscape architecture is one of 16 programs that may be eliminated, according to a memo released yesterday by President Pete Likins and Provost George Davis.

“I wish I had known it was coming. I could have made plans,” Vitkay said. “Now, I'm worried I may have to sell my house and move somewhere else.”

Now that administrators have released proposals for program eliminations, some students such as Vitkay have begun to express concerns with the proposals for program elimination while others are expressing their support.

Proposals seem reasonable at a time in which program eliminations are necessary amidst a series of cuts in

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Talented UA student killed

By Rebekah Kleinman
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Every day, Andria Ligas found something new she wanted to accomplish in her lifetime. When she was killed by a hit-and-run driver on Dec. 22, she had already “conquered many of those mountains,” said her mother, Carol Hofford.

Ligas, a linguistics senior and Flinn scholar, was riding her bike near North Euclid Avenue and East Elm Street when she was killed.

Many of Ligas' friends, family and mentors remember her as “the type of person who could do anything.”

Andria didn't need sleep; she preferred to embrace every hour of every day to accomplish old goals and set new ones, said close friend Michelle Hertzfeld, an international studies junior.

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