Provost's Comprehensive Program Review Report

Institution: Middle Georgia State University
Academic Program Name: A.S. in Financial Technology
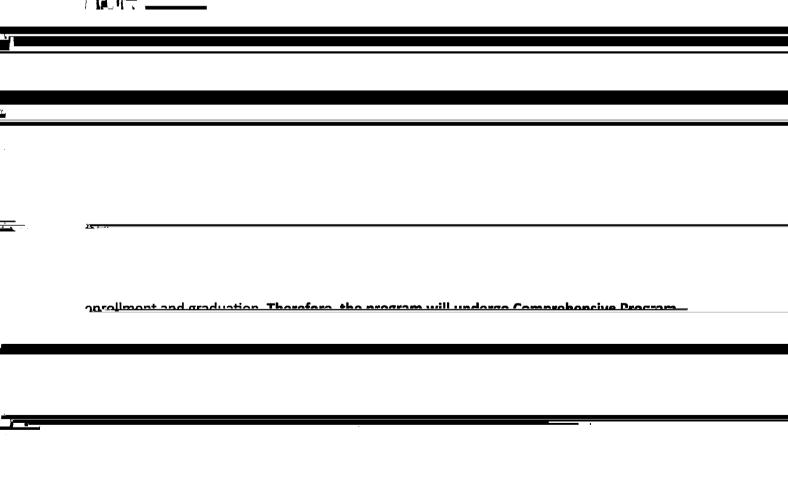**CIP Code: 307104**
College or School: School of Computing
Department: Information Technology

Date of Last Internal Review: N/A first CPR

Outcome of Previous Program Review (brief narrative statement): N/A

Current Date: 5/18/2022

Provost Response: Academic Affairs acknowledges the documented value of the AS in Financial Technology as part of larger USG initiatives responding to economic trends and opportunities in the FINTECH space. The complementary nature of the program is an integral part of a supportive AS pathway for BS programs, yet the program has historically produced low

enrollment and graduation. Therefore, the program will undergo Comprehensive Program

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Check any of the following to categorically describe action(s) the institution will take concerning this program.

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    ☐ Program is critical to the institutional mission and will be retained.

    ☐ Program is critical to the institutional mission and is growing or a high demand field

☐ Program PARTIALLY MEETS Institution's Criteria and will be re-evaluated in

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X☐ Program MEETS Institution's Criteria

       X☐ Program is critical to the institutional mission and will be retained.

       ☐ Program is critical to the institutional mission and is growing or a high demand field

       and thus will be enhanced.

      ☐ Program DOES NOT MEET Institution's Criteria

       ☐ Program will be placed on a monitoring status.

       ☐ Program will undergo substantive curricular revisions

A.S. in Financial Technology

Summarize any demographic or environmental factors described in the introduction that might significantly impact assessment of the program
FinTech is a new program undergoing its first CPR. Due to some faculty hesitation in (g).M04ch

program

Programs falling under these benchmarks are designated as "low performing"				

The program was created in response to industry feedback. Positive growth is occurring in both the areas of enrollment and graduation rates, particularly with online courses. There is evidence of adaptability as the program seeks other avenues, like partnerships with other institutions, to help students graduate and move into the B.S. in Information Technology at MGA.

Low graduation numbers (in spite of the positive graduation trend) are a concern. The narrative tone suggests that department and/or school administrators and faculty are not happy with the program's low enrollment and see little chance to increase these rates at MGA.

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FY 2021 -2022

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Faculty Completing Report: Neil Rigole

Current Date: 1/4/2022

5 Year Enrollment by Campus and Graduation Trends

Graduates

” For data consistency, the fiscal year is in which the degree was awarded. For examples, fiscal year 2019 includes degrees conferred in Summer 2018, Fall 2018, and Spring 2019.

FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	4 YR Growth	FY18 compared to FY21 only
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threshold of 12 students in their "bank"), this may not happen until over a year after the course was taught and faculty are beginning to not want to take on the additional responsibility of teaching a class with only a couple of students enrolled and no immediate compensation for their efforts.

While another USG institution (Georgia Highlands College) has recently joined the Fintech AS collaborative, with two other USG colleges showing interest in joining (Atlanta Metro and East Georgia College), at this point MGA has been the only institution who has had faculty teach and students enrolled in the Fintech AS program. While the Department of I.T. has also added a Fintech concentration to our BSIT degree program, there have been no students at this point who have declared this area as a concentration.

Plan for Action

Georgia Highlands College is highly interested in adopting and seeing the Associate's program for eCampus at their institution, with MGA and Georgia Highlands signing an articulation agreement to allow their students completing the Associate's Fintech program at Georgia Highlands to seamlessly transfer to MGA's BSIT program. With the agreement of the

MEMORANDUM

February 11, 2022

To: Dr. Laura Thomason, Credentialing Officer; Dr. David Jenks, Provost; Mrs. Jennifer Jones, Operations Manager, Office of the Provost; Mr. Christopher Tsavatewa, Director of Institutional Effectiveness; Dr. Kevin Cantwell, Special Assistant to the President and IAL, SACSCOC

CC: Pam Booker, Executive Director, Human Resources

From: Dr. Neil Rigole

Department of Information Technology

Academic Year 2021-2022 Roster

Instructor Last, First Name	MGA ID (983)	Full-Time or Part-Time
Rigole, Neil		Full-Time
Monk, Barry J		Full-Time
Faber, Wanda M		Part-Time

Ashford, Tina K.		Full-Time	
Marshall, Jeff A		Part-Time	
Floyd, Kevin S		Full-Time	

Spangler, Scott C		Full-Time
Lockwood, Wayne E		Full-Time
Jenkins, Jonathan		Full-Time
Knighton, Christopher Shane		Part-Time
Nilsen, Richard		Part-Time
Sandoval, Vicky		Full-Time
Clarke, Karla		Part-Time
Tisdale, Susan		Part-Time
Fisher, Susan		Part-Time
Paullet, Karen		Part-Time
Kim, Joobum		Full-Time
Sisson, Richard		Part-Time
Mercer, Valerie A		Full-Time