

## **Description of Program Review Purpose and Process**

### **Purpose**

The current program review process at MECC for the AA&S transfer degree program has three primary purposes:

- (1) to provide faculty members a systematic process for program improvement,
- (2) to serve as a basis for operational and strategic planning, and
- (3) to meet external mandates (SACS, SCHEV, and VCCS) for program review.

### **Elements of the Program Review**

MECC is using the WEAVE online planning and evaluation system.

WEAVE provides a structure for a comprehensive review of the myriad aspects of a collegiate academic program.

### **Annual Process for Program Review**

Information and data are reviewed annually:

- (1) to identify areas for program improvements, and
- (2) to provide a basis for annual/operational planning.

The annual review provides for both objective and subjective assessments by the faculty members. Where available, the elements being assessed are accompanied by data, e.g., figures for enrollment, retention, and graduates. Annual completion of the extensive Program Review Assessment Questionnaire by the faculty members provides a summative evaluation of the program.

### **Utilization of Program Reviews**

Faculty input each year ensures program currency. The results serve as the basis for annual operational planning of the academic division.