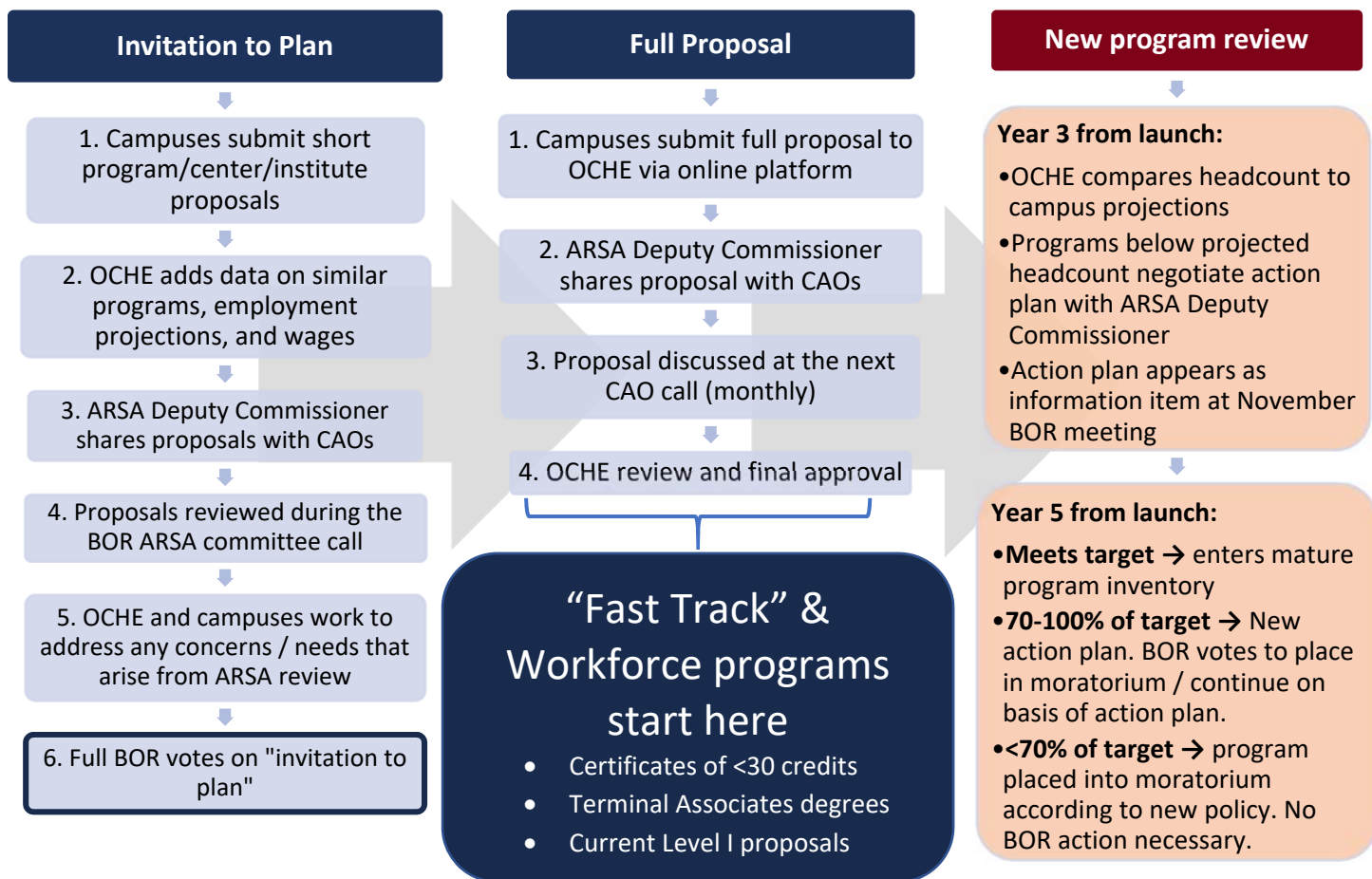


# Montana Board of Regents

## New Postsecondary Educational Program/Center/Institute Process

\* New postsecondary educational program as defined by BOR Policy 303.1-Curriculum Proposals



## Mission Alignment

Annual presentation to BOR by campus CEO or designee outlining academic vision and connecting academic directions for coming year to the campus mission

## Implementation Timeline

<b>November 22, 2019:</b>	Concept and policies reviewed and approved by BOR
<b>November – January:</b>	CAO working group reviews / amends required forms and develops concepts and procedures for online submission portal.
<b>January 13-14, 2020</b>	Revisions to academic affairs handbook presented to BOR as information item.
<b>February 5, 2020</b>	First ‘invitation to plan’ proposals due to OCHE for March BOR
<b>February 19, 2020</b>	‘Invitation to plan’ items reviewed at March CAO BOR call
<b>February 24, 2020</b>	March ARSA committee call
<b>March 5-6, 2020</b>	March BOR Meeting

## F.A.Q.

### **What will happen to already-discussed Intent to Plan proposals?**

Approved Intent to Plan proposals may continue to pursue final approval through the old process so long as final approval is sought by the November 2020 BOR meeting.

### **Will BOR ‘invitation to plan’ items expire?**

Yes. Invitation to plans will remain active for 18 months following BOR review. After that period, campuses will need to resubmit a proposal.

### **Will the 3-year academic planning process continue?**

No. The 3-year planning process will be discontinued in favor of an annual process (likely at the September BOR meeting) where the campus CEO or designee will outline the campus’s academic vision, briefly describe new proposals likely to emerge in the next year, and articulate how those academic directions align with the campus’s mission.

### **Which BOR policies will be changed?**

BOR policy 303.10 “Academic Program Planning” will be repealed. Policy 303.1 “Academic Program Proposals; Montana University System” will see substantial changes. Policies 303.2 and 303.4 will undergo minor revisions.

### **What will occur should the ARSA committee or OCHE have concerns about a proposal?**

The ARSA committee of the BOR will receive the “invitation to plan” proposals shortly after the submission deadline so they have time to adequately review and submit questions to OCHE or campuses prior to the ARSA BOR call. In future, this process should be expedited through an online submission and review platform. If the ARSA committee has concerns about a proposal they may either express those concerns as a part of the invitation to plan (and thereby ask the campus to address the concern in a full proposal) or they can table the proposal until OCHE and the campus can adequately address any concerns.