

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO ORGANIZE PROGRAM GROUPS INTO SCHOOLS

(NOT in order of priority - the average of responses will establish weights/priorities)

- a) **SIZE:** There shouldn't be such a large number of groups in any school that management becomes difficult, recommended less than 10 and preferably about 5 to 7.
- b) **VIABLE DEAN:** It should be possible to recruit a Dean with a sufficiently broad skill set that he/she can provide effective leadership to all groups.
- c) **COMMON INTERESTS:** The leaders of groups in a school should share sufficient commonality among their students and programs to encourage joint initiatives in recruitment, advisement and retention.
- d) **GRANTS:** The availability of external funds for interdisciplinary scholarly activity among groups creates an advantage in placing these groups in the same school.
- e) **VISION:** It should be possible to articulate a vision and mission for each school which is plausibly coherent with respect to all of the groups in the school.
- f) **ACCEPTED PRACTICE:** It is an advantage if the names and groups within a school are in accordance with practice elsewhere in academia so as to minimize confusion in communications with other institutions and organizations.
- g) **ACCREDITATION:** The names, missions and groups composing a school should facilitate accreditation of UVI as a whole and of individual program groups.
- h) **UVI MISSION:** The organization of the schools should facilitate implementation of UVI's missions for teaching, research and community service.