- The NACC immediate accreditation plans will focus its accreditation efforts on **stand-alone nonprofit graduate and undergraduate programs**. A "stand-alone" program refers to a full degree program with a primary focus on the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors. For example, Master of Nonprofit Management; M.A. in Philanthropic Studies, Bachelor of Nonprofit Administration, etc. A stand-alone degree program may be co-located in an academic unit with other degree programs (MPA, MBA, etc.), but our accreditation will focus only on the nonprofit degree program.

- The NACC accreditation process will center on **matching the curriculum** taught to students in a specific program with identified best practices in nonprofit and philanthropy pedagogy and curriculum development. This process will largely consist of a process of **curriculum mapping** between the programs' syllabi and the [NACC Curriculum Guidelines](#) and [Indicators of Quality](#).

- The NACC accreditation will provide a web-based **open space for sharing** innovative and dynamic course development and design practices.

- The NACC accreditation will help programs ensure that they have an **appropriate mix of professional and academic faculty** that is capable of teaching the curriculum. This will require programs to provide proof of the credentials of the teaching staff.

- The NACC accreditation will help program ensure that they offer the required and elective courses students need to graduate in a timely manner.

- The NACC accreditation process will be **largely conducted electronically** and as a result not require a lengthy self-study report and site visit. This will **lower the costs and time burden** of a NACC accreditation both to NACC and prospective organizations.

- The NACC accreditation process, via review of syllabi, faculty credentials, and scheduling of required and elective courses, **will enable review of truth-in-advertising and adequacy of the curriculum**. That is, if a university claims to have a degree program with "nonprofit" or "philanthropy" in the title, mission, and recruiting materials, they must have the curriculum and expertise to fulfill those claims.

- NACC will create a task force to develop an implentation plan consistent with these frameworks and return to the body for further vote within 6 months