Academic Program Review Committee
Faculty Senate Report
March 23, 2017

2016/2017 Committee Members:
Marilyn Barbour (chair), Winnie Brownell, Clifford Katz, Susanne Menden-Deuer, Susan Rattan, Henry Schwarzbach, Leon Thiem

Recognition to: Veronica Walsh, IR, coordinator of the Central Data Report
Gary Boden, IR, facilitator of the Chair Survey
Ian Lester, Mgr, Pharm/Technology Services, AHC Operations, facilitator of the Chair Survey

Committee Charge:
5.86.10 The Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) shall develop and maintain the academic program review instrument. The committee shall coordinate the administration of the review, oversee the collection of data, and compile and disseminate information resulting from the review as outlined in sections 8.86.10-14. When academic program reviews are conducted, the committee shall serve as a resource to departments and programs being reviewed. The committee shall receive and respond to comments regarding the program review process, including, but not limited to, the academic program review instrument.

Background:
The University’s Academic Program Review consists of three elements:
1) Data collected centrally and distributed through institutional research (Central Data Report)
2) Data collected by departments/units biennially using an electronic survey (Chair Survey)
3) Self-Study, which is performed every six years and has external review. The data collection elements of APR have the primary function of providing longitudinal data for the unit’s self-study.

2016-2017 Activities of the APRC:
Ongoing: Implementation of Self-Studies by several Departments and Programs. APRC provides information and assistance to department chairs and program directors scheduled for self-studies. Based upon discussions with chairs and deans, appropriate changes have been made to the original APR schedule. Updated APR materials are found on the Faculty Senate website.

1) February 2016: Release of 6th Annual Central Data Report to Department Chairs and Deans
2) Spring 2016: Distribution to and Completion of 3rd Biennial Chair Survey by Department Chairs/Program Directors
3) Spring 2016: Meetings of APRC chair with CELS department chairs scheduled to report in 2017
4) Summer/Fall 2016: Meetings of APRC chair with Deans of the Colleges of Nursing, Business Administration and Health Studies for orientation to APR process
5) Fall 2016: Committee review of department/program self-study progress and follow-up; Discussion of upcoming NEASC self study report on APR;
6) January 2017: Provision of APRC summary to Matt Bodah, Chair of NEASC Self-Study
6) January 2017: Release of 7th Annual Central Data Report to Department Chairs and Deans

Completed Self-Studies since 2014
Department of Political Science
Department of Communicative Disorders
Department of Economics
Department of Mathematics
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Department of Journalism
Department of English
Department of Landscape Architecture
Completed Self-Studies since 2014 (cont.)

Department of Communication Studies  Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature
Department of Writing and Rhetoric  College of Business Administration
School of Education  Department of Physical Therapy
Program in Film Media

Completed External Review 2016/17, Pending Provost Meeting

Department of Natural Resources Science
Department of Theatre
Department of Art and Art History
Department of History
Department of Philosophy
Department of Physics
College of Pharmacy
College of Nursing

Ongoing Self-Studies in 2016/2017

a) College of Arts and Sciences
   Program in Africana Studies
   Program in Gender and Women’s Studies
   Department of Chemistry
   Department of Computer Science and Statistics (2017/2018)
   Department of Music (2017/2018)
   Graduate School of Library and Information Science (2017/2018)

b) College of Environment and Life Sciences
   Department of Biological Sciences
   Department of Cell and Molecular Biology
   Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
   Department of Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Science
   Department of Geosciences
   Department of Marine Affairs
   Department of Plant Sciences and Entomology

The link to all materials for Academic Program Review can be found on the Faculty Senate webpage: http://web.uri.edu/facsen/committees/academic-program-review-committee/

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