Academic Program Review Committee
Faculty Senate Report
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2018/2019 Committee Members:
Marilyn Barbour (chair), Matt Bodah, Mayrai Gindy, Anthony Rolle, William Gordon, Ruitang Deng, Shanette Harris
Recognition to: Veronica Walsh, IR, coordinator of the Central Data Report

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:
Prior to 2019, the University’s Academic Program Review (APR) consisted 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), and
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.

In the 2017/2018 academic year, based upon a detailed opinion survey of department chairs, the electronic Chair Survey was discontinued, and in its place would be biennial reminders for unit data collection and the development by the APRC of a document with recommendations for the process.

2018/2019 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 schedule is found on the Faculty Senate website under the APRC.

Fall 2018/Spring 2019:
1) Development of guidance document for biennial data collection
2) Revision of all APR materials to reflect new biennial data collection process
3) January 2019: Release of 9th 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
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  Department of Theatre
Department of Art and Art History  Department of Philosophy
Department of Physics  College of Business Administration
College of Pharmacy  

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Completed Self-Studies since 2014 (continued)

- Department of Biological Sciences
- Department of Geosciences
- Department of Marine Affairs
- Department of Natural Resources Science
- Department of Chemistry
- Program in Gender and Women’s Studies
- Department of Kinesiology
- Department of Nutrition and Food Sciences
- Department of History (4/19/19)

- Department of Cell and Molecular Biology
- Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- Department of Fisheries, Animal and Veterinary Science
- Department of Plant Sciences and Entomology
- College of Nursing
- Graduate School of Library and Information Science
- Department of Human Development and Family Studies
- Department of Computer Science and Statistics

Expected Completion 2019

- College of Education and Professional Studies (Professional Studies)
- Graduate School of Oceanography
- Department of Psychology
- Department of Textiles, Fashion Merchandising and Design
- Schmidt Labor Research Center
- Department of Electrical, Computer and Biomechanical Engineering
- Department of Chemical Engineering
- Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Department of Mechanical, Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Department of Ocean Engineering
- Department of Music
- Program in Africana Studies

Expected Completion 2021

- Department of Technical Services, URI Libraries
- Department of Public Services, URI Libraries

Cycle II Initiated 2019/2020

- Department of Political Science
- Department of Economics

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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