

**Academic Program Review Committee
Faculty Senate Report Fall 2014**

Current Committee Members:

Marilyn Barbour (chair), Winnie Brownell, Clifford Katz, Dana Kovarsky, Paula McGlasson, Scott McWilliams, Henry Schwarzbach, David Smith, Leon Thiem, Laura Beauvais (through spring 2014)

Recognition to: Veronica Walsh, IR, coordinator of the Central Data Report
 Ian Lester, College of Pharmacy, facilitator 2014 Chair Survey
 Gary Boden, IR, facilitator of 2014 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 self-study.

2013-2014 Activities of the APRC:

- 1) December 2013: Self-Study External Reviewer criteria developed and posted on FacSen website
 - 2) January 2014: Release of 4th Annual Central Data Report to Department Chairs and Deans
 - 3) March 2014: All Chairs/ Program Directors contacted regarding 2nd Biennial Chair Survey and Self-Study status. Survey opened in April 2014 and had a 100% completion rate by Chairs/Program Directors
 - 4) May 2014: Data from 2nd Biennial Chair Survey reformatted and returned to Department Chairs and Deans
 - 5) September 2014: Provision of aggregated APRC data for Academic Plan metrics
- 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.

Completed Self-Studies

Department of Political Science
Department of Economics

Ongoing Self-Studies

- a) College of Engineering
anticipated completion of all department self-studies 2015
- b) College of Business
ongoing TBD

c) College of Arts and Sciences

(departments listed anticipated for completion spring 2015):

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Department of History

Program in Africana Studies

Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature

Department of Communication Studies

Department of English

Department of Journalism

Department of Writing and Rhetoric

Program in Film Media

d) College of Human Science and Services:

(departments/units listed anticipated for completion spring 2015):

Department of Communicative Disorders

School of Education

The link to all materials for Academic Program Review can be found on the Faculty Senate webpage:

http://www.uri.edu/facsen/about/committees/minutes/2012-2013/APRC/APRC_docs.html

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