

**Academic Program Review Committee
Faculty Senate Report
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2015/2016 Committee Members:

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Recognition to: Veronica Walsh, IR, coordinator of the Central Data Report
 Laura Beauvais, Vice-Provost for Faculty Affairs

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.

2015-2016 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) January 2015: Release of 5th Annual Central Data Report to Department Chairs and Deans
- 2) Spring 2015: Meetings of APRC chair with departments/units scheduled to report in 2016
- 3) October 2015: Committee review of department/program self-study progress and follow-up
- 4) February 2016: Committee assessment and revision/clarification of self-study procedures ; presentation by APRC chair to Council of Deans ; Anticipated release of 6th Annual Central Data Report to Department Chairs and Deans; Preparation/revision of Chair Survey

Upcoming: Distribution to and Completion of 3rd Biennial Chair Survey by Department Chairs/Program Directors
 March/April 2016

Completed Self-Studies since 2014

Department of Political Science
Department of Economics
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Department of English
Department of Communication Studies
Department of Writing and Rhetoric
Department of Communicative Disorders
College of Business Administration

Completed External Review 2015, Pending Provost Meeting

Department of Journalism
Department of History
Program in Film Media

Ongoing Self-Studies in 2015/2016

a) College of Engineering

b) College of Arts and Sciences
Program in Africana Studies
Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature
Department of Chemistry
Department of Computer Science and Statistics
Department of Mathematics
Department of Music
Department of Physics
Department of Theatre

c) College of Education and Professional Studies
School of Education

d) College of Health Sciences
Department of Physical Therapy

e) College of Pharmacy

f) College of Nursing

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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