

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Data Report to Department Chairs and Deans
- 2) Spring 2016: Distribution to and Completion of 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Central Data Report to Department Chairs and Deans

**Completed Self-Studies since 2014**

*Department of Political Science*

*Department of Economics*

*Department of Sociology and Anthropology*

*Department of English*

*Department of Communicative Disorders*

*Department of Mathematics*

*Department of Journalism*

*Department of Landscape Architecture*

**Completed Self-Studies since 2014 (cont.)**

*Department of Communication Studies  
Department of Writing and Rhetoric  
School of Education  
Program in Film Media*

*Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature  
College of Business Administration  
Department of Physical Therapy*

**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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