

**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 Economics
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Department of English
Department of Communication Studies
Department of Writing and Rhetoric
School of Education
Program in Film Media
Department of Art and Art History
Department of Physics
College of Pharmacy*

*Department of Communicative Disorders
Department of Mathematics
Department of Journalism
Department of Landscape Architecture
Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literature
College of Business Administration
Department of Physical Therapy
Department of Theatre
Department of Philosophy
College of Business Administration*

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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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