

Faculty Committee on Program Review
Annual Report, Academic Year 2004-05
James T. Jenkins, Chair

History: The Faculty Committee on Program Review (FCPR) was created by the Faculty Senate in 1996 to implement the regular reviews of departments that were mandated by President Rawlings. In its first three years, when Peter Stein chaired the committee, procedures and guidelines were put in place and a cycle of reviews was planned that includes the entire university. In January 2001, Stephen Hamilton was appointed as Chair. Under Steve's guidance the FCPR worked to standardize and streamline its guidelines and procedures, including the posting of a revised format for self studies. Joanne Fortune became Chair in January 2003. Under Joanne's leadership, the committee brought to completion a backlog of over thirty reviews that had accumulated because of late reports by deans and department heads. I succeeded Joanne in January of 2005, with the challenge of completing the first cycle of reviews and planning for the second. Kristin Canger Walker provides staff support to the committee and maintains the "historical" record of the reviews.

Accomplishments: During the past year, four reports for reviews in the previous academic year and three overdue reports were sent to the Provost. Ten additional reviews were actively "in progress" (Appendix I). The site visits by the external review team (ERT) were accomplished for six of these and final reports for three were completed and submitted to the Provost; we are currently awaiting one or more reports for the other three. Four reviews are in various stages of preparation for the site visit and should be completed during the coming year. Nine additional reviews are planned for 2005-2006 (Appendix I). Appendix II summarizes the progress of the first review cycle over its first eight years

Colleges that consist of essentially one department and /or have significant professional components have proved difficult to schedule for review. In fall 2004, meetings were held with the deans of the Johnson School and the Hotel School to plan for their reviews. It was agreed by the Provost that the program reviews for the Johnson School and the Hotel School be held in coordination with the periodic accreditation process of these units scheduled for the spring of 2007. A review of Architecture is tentatively scheduled for spring of 2006 in coordination with the accreditation of their undergraduate and masters programs. A review of the Law School has been tentatively scheduled for spring of 2006, with the hope that future reviews could be coordinated with their periodic accreditation. Because of an active search for a dean, the Provost agreed to postpone the review of the School of Industrial and Labor Relations until 2006-2007.

Summary: The committee completed a rather routine year in which twelve reviews were active. Reviews for several professional colleges were scheduled that would permit the completion of the first cycle of reviews. Planning began for the second cycle of reviews, assuming that units were to be reviewed every eight to ten years and that no more than four reviews were to take place in any college during a single academic year.

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Appendix I
Summary of 2004-05 Accomplishments

Overdue Reviews Completed

Final report sent to Provost

Art

Operations Research and Industrial Engineering

Theoretical and Applied Mechanics

Active Reviews

Final report sent to Provost, visit 2003-04

Astronomy

English

Materials Science and Engineering

Mathematics

Final report sent to Provost, visit 2004-05

Applied and Engineering Physics

Design and Environmental Analysis

Food Science

ERT visit occurred, reporting not completed

Earth and Atmospheric Science

Physics

Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences

Preparation for ERT site visit initiated

Africana Studies

Family Life Development Center

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Society for the Humanities

Scheduled Reviews 2005-2006

Fall 2005

Africana Studies

Civil and Environmental Engineering

Entomology (Ithaca & Geneva)

Family Life Development Center

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Molecular Medicine

Society for the Humanities

Spring 2006

Architecture

Cornell Institute for Public Affairs

Electrical and Computer Engineering ENG

Human Development HEC

Landscape Architecture CALS

Law

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Appendix II
Reviews Completed, June 2005

1997-1998

Electrical Engineering
Microbiology (Division of Biological Sciences)
Plant Engineering
Rural Sociology

1998-1999

Agricultural, Resource, and Managerial Economics
Animal Science
Bailey Hortorium (Division of Biological Sciences)
Biochemical, Molecular, and Cell Biology (Division of Biological Sciences)
Computer Science
Ecology and Systematics (Division of Biological Sciences)
Fruit and Vegetable Science (Ithaca), Horticultural Science (Geneva)
Genetics and Development (Division of Biological Sciences)
Linguistics
Neurobiology and Behavior
Nutritional Sciences
Plant Biology (Division of Biological Sciences)
Plant Pathology
Physiology (Division of Biological Sciences)

1999-2000

Communication
Natural Resources
Ornithology
Theoretical and Applied Mechanics

2000-2001

Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Anthropology
Biomedical Sciences
CIIFAD
Clinical Sciences
Economics
Education
Einaudi Center
Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture
History
History of Art
Microbiology and Immunology
Psychology

Science and Technology Studies
Sociology
Art

2001-2002

Chemistry and Chemical Biology
City and Regional Planning
Crop and Soil Science
German Studies
Government
Johnson Museum
Music
Policy Analysis and Management
Operations Research and Industrial Engineering

2002-2003

Asian Studies
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering
Classics
Comparative Literature
Near Eastern Studies
Philosophy
Romance Studies
Textiles and Apparel
Theatre, Film, and Dance

2003-2004

Baker Institute
Cornell University Press
Astronomy
English
Materials Science and Engineering
Mathematics

2004-2005

Applied and Engineering Physics
Design and Environmental Analysis
Earth and Atmospheric Science*
Food Science
Physics*
Population Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences*

*ERT visit completed, reports pending