

Report from the Academic Assessment Committee Spring 2012

The Academic Assessment Committee has almost completed the three year cycle of assessment that was approved when the committee was formed in 2008. Currently there are 97 programs on our books that need to submit assessment reports. 89 programs (92%) have submitted reports and have/will be reviewed by the end of this semester when we complete the 3-year cycle. 8 programs (to date) have never submitted an assessment report. We will contact the departments and appropriate Deans that administer these programs and request a report be submitted prior to the end of the semester.

Looking to the future:

Earlier this year, the Senate approved a proposal from the committee for a change in reporting format. This new format consists of a Full report in year one followed in subsequent years with an interim report for total of one full report and 3 interim reports. The cycle is to be phased in until all programs are assessed using this new format. Recently the Senate approved the Program Review process. This is a 5 year cycle for external review of programs. We are currently in the final steps of creating the cycle and aligning it with the assessment cycle. Below is an example of how a department's assessment and program review cycle might look.

EXAMPLE: Biomolecular Sciences

Full Assess	Prog Rev	NO/Interim	Interim 1	Interim 2	Interim 3	Full Assess	Prog Rev
Fall 2012	SP 2013	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	SP 2018

Retains the 1 Full Report /3 Interim report format for assessment with the Full Report due the semester/year before the Program Review (5 year cycle).

* Department may elect to submit an interim report during the year designated as NO/Interim.

Once the cycle for program review and assessment is finalized a complete letters outlining the cycle, as above, will be sent to the chair of the department where the program is housed. In addition directions/format for the interim reports will also be sent. It is expected that the cycle will be finalized and letters sent to the chairs in the very near future.