

# Academic Program Review Committee Report

General Faculty  
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# Committee Members

- Art Chappelka- Forestry & Wildlife Sciences – Chair
- David Wilson – Continuing
- Mike Moriarty – Continuing
- Steve McFarland – Continuing
- Henry McCurley – Library
- Wendy Duncan-Hewitt – Pharmacy
- Randy Bartlett – Architecture
- Peter Stanwick – Business
- Sareen Gropper – Human Sciences
- David Sutton – Liberal Arts
- Barbara Wilder – Nursing
- Steve Silvern – Education
- Larry Myers – Vet. Medicine
- Robin Huettel – Agriculture
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- Steve Kempf – COSAM

# Presidential Initiatives: Academic Program Review

- Academic Program Review is an organized activity based on data relative to an institution's mission, goals, and strategic plan.
- The goal of this review process is to strengthen the academic activities of the university.

# Presidential Initiatives: Academic Program Review (Proposed)

- Program reviews will be coordinated through the Office of the Provost.
- As the fundamental units of responsibility, **academic departments or schools** are the basic unit of academic program review at Auburn University.
- The review has two main components: a self-assessment and an external assessment.

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- The self-assessment is conducted by the unit under review.
- The unit in consultation with the Dean and Provost is responsible for defining its own mission, developing assessment methods and tools, and reporting the results.
  - Criteria will be composed of established measures, eg., student credit hrs., FTEs, national or regional rank of the program (if available), etc., consistent among all AU units, and metrics unique to each unit.
  - Possible performance indicators may include, but are not limited to: centrality, efficiency, diversity, productivity, quality, vitality, competitive advantage, compelling need/uniqueness, demand, adequacy of resources, etc.

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- The external assessment is conducted by outside reviewers.
- These reviewers are nominated by the unit and selected by the Dean.
- The outside reviewers will review the self-assessment, conduct interviews, and issue a final report to the Dean.
- This final report will then be forwarded to the Office of the Provost accompanied by the Dean's recommendations.
- Provost will make recommendations and discuss with the APR committee before implementation.

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- What if an academic unit already undergoes an accreditation process by an external agency?
- An accreditation report may serve as proof of an external assessment. At the discretion of the department head/chair, Dean and/or Provost, additional external assessments may be warranted.

# Tentative Timeline

- Committee meetings bi-weekly beginning May 05
- Bi-weekly meetings with Provost beginning June 05
- Present status report to Provost Council 8-11-05
- Met with Dean's – September-October
- Present status report to General Faculty 10-18-05
- Draft document - Oct./Nov.
- Presentation to BOT 11-17-05
- Send document out for review – Nov./Dec. 05
- Beta test procedure Spring 06
- Implement procedure Fall 06

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