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ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW

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Every academic program in the University is reviewed on a regular basis.

We reviewed four academic programs in 2006-2007 and six programs in 2007-2008, and will review six more in 2008-2009.

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Eight of the ten programs reviewed to date are in good or excellent shape, and we are taking action to further strengthen them.

We are also taking action to improve the other two programs.

PROCESS

The program review process involves:

- A departmental self study during the Fall Semester,
- A site visit by a team of reviewers in the Spring Semester, and
- A dean's plan, based on the report of the visiting team, that addresses program improvement, restructuring, merger, or discontinuation.

PROCESS

Recommendations regarding program restructuring, merger, or discontinuation are discussed with the Academic Program Review Committee of the University Senate before the Provost makes a recommendation to the President and Board of Trustees.

PROCESS

If no national accreditation is involved, the site team consists of two members who are senior faculty within the discipline from peer universities, and two members who are senior faculty from related disciplines within Auburn University.

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If a national accreditation team is involved, it is joined by two members of the Auburn faculty from related disciplines.

RESULTS

We have results for the four programs that were reviewed during the pilot year, 2006-2007: Animal Sciences; *Architecture*; *Nursing*; and Sociology, Anthropology, Criminology, and *Social Work*.

RESULTS

Architecture is in the process of planning a master's degree to be considered as a future offering.

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Space has been identified for expansion of the Nursing School's classroom, office, and lab facilities, in order to address the overcrowding of recent years.

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Through reprioritization of resources, new faculty lines have been allocated to Animal Sciences.

RESULTS

The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work has restructured its curriculum, eliminated the Criminology major, and produced a new strategic plan.

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By way of additional information, the Architecture, Nursing, and Social Work programs received favorable reviews from their national accrediting agencies.