

Program Review Committee
Annual Report
2005-06
Margaret Fitzgerald, Chair

The Program Review Committee completed eight reviews this year, listed below. History and Social Science was granted a one-year extension and will submit their report next fall. The Biotechnology self-study report was not submitted and thus, has now been delinquent for four consecutive years.

We had an excellent committee, with all members contributing full effort. The committee consisted of: Stefan Balaz (Pharmacy), Edward Deckard (AFSNR & VPAA Office, ex officio), James Council (Senate Presiding Officer), Thomas Ambrosio (AHSS), Joseph Jones (Business), Margaret Fitzgerald (HDE), Davis Cope (Math & Science), Cheryl Wachenheim (Grad School), Ghodrath Karami (Engineering), Valerie Johnson (student, Fall Semester), Daniel Eiler (student, Fall and Spring Semesters) and David Wittrock (Graduate School, ex officio).

As in previous years, a number of programs were of high quality, and the committee was able to make specific suggestions to improve programs with concerns. The departments value, and strive for, quality in the areas of teaching, research and service. This commitment to excellence is evident in teaching evaluations, assessment outcomes, participation in university efforts to enhance teaching, research productivity, grant activity and fulfillment of the land-grant mission of the university. The recommendations of the Program Review Committee varied, although there is consistent evidence for needs with regard to space, additional faculty and salary increases.

Program Review is meant to be an integrated review of undergraduate and graduate programs. Last year, the committee reinstated *ad hoc* appointees from the graduate school to review each self-study report. This year, the committee focused on adding clarity to role of the reviewers, although additional effort is needed to engage the reviewers in the process. The Chair of the Program Review Committee, the Graduate School and the Program Review Subcommittees can work on improved communication with *ad hoc* reviewers. In addition, if the *ad hoc* appointment process is to continue, the appointees must be committed to participating in the review process.

Dr. Robert O'Connor will become the new committee chair next fall; he is returning as a member of the committee following a one-year sabbatical. The upcoming year will be demanding with ten programs (listed below) scheduled for review.

Program Reviews Completed in 2005-06

1. Accounting and Information Systems
2. Education (carry-over from 2004-05)
3. Entomology
4. Health, Nutrition and Exercise Science
5. Humanities and Philosophy
6. Physics
7. Plant Pathology
8. Soil Science

Program Reviews Scheduled for 2006-07

(Letters were sent to Department Chairs in October 2005 to inform them of the upcoming reviews; a follow-up letter with instructions for submission will be sent in May)

1. Animal and Range Sciences
2. Cereal and Food Science
3. Chemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology
4. English
5. General Agriculture
6. Management, Marketing and Finance
7. Nursing
8. Sociology and Anthropology
9. History and Social Science (carry over from 2005-06)
10. Biotechnology (multi-year carry over)

-The Molecular Pathogenesis Program (new Ph.D. program) was initially scheduled to be reviewed in 2006-07, but the review has been delayed for one year to coincide with the Department's Veterinary and MicroScience Programs.

-Computer Science was scheduled to be reviewed in 2006-07 but requested a one-year delay because the Department was searching for a new Chair and the faculty wanted that person to have a year to acclimate before having to write the program review self-study report.

-Criminal Justice and Political Science was scheduled to be reviewed in 2006-07 but requested a one-year delay as they will be trying to fill two faculty positions.