

University Curriculum Council
Academic Program Review Committee
February 16, 2011

Review of the School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EE&CS)
Seven Year Review for 1998 – 2005

RECOMMENDATION: Viable

The School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (EE&CS) has a viable program that plays a substantial role in the University's overall mission. As noted in the review, aspects of the program are to be commended, such as its use of data in the continuous improvement of its programs; its high level of research; and the mentoring program for all junior faculty.

The reviewers also express some concerns, among them: low graduate student stipend levels and insufficient departmental staff support. Graduate Council adds that some faculty have many graduate students and notes the "risk that faculty, with as many as 20 graduate students at a time, may not be able to fully monitor and supervise the work of their students."

These concerns and the recommendations in the reviews should be addressed prior to the next regularly scheduled review.

University Curriculum Council
Academic Program Review Committee
February 16, 2011

Review of the Department of Physics and Astronomy
Seven Year Review for 2001 – 2008

RECOMMENDATION: Viable

The Department of Physics and Astronomy has a viable program that plays a substantial role in the University's overall mission. As noted in the external review, the department is "poised to move forward with increasing visibility, research, and success of its students"

The reviewers also express some concerns, among them: "there are limitations to growth that are based on the infrastructure. The physical plant is deteriorating and needs to be addressed seriously in order to enable growth."

These concerns and the recommendations in the reviews should be addressed prior to the next regularly scheduled review.

University Curriculum Council
Academic Program Review Committee
February 16, 2011

Review of the Department of Environmental and Plant Biology
Seven Year Review for 2000 – 2007

RECOMMENDATION: Viable

The Department of Environmental and Plant Biology has a viable program that plays a substantial role in the University's overall mission. As noted in the review, aspects of the program are to be commended, such as the strong collegiality and productivity of its faculty; research opportunities for undergraduates; junior writing course; the success of recent and former graduates of the program; and the below-the-national-average time to complete the Ph.D. program.

The reviewers also express some concerns, among them: inadequate secretarial/clerical support, substandard greenhouse space, and the low number of undergraduate majors in the Cell Biology and Biotechnology major.

These concerns and the recommendations in the reviews should be addressed prior to the next regularly scheduled review.

University Curriculum Council
Academic Program Review Committee
February 16, 2011

Review of the Department of Political Science
Seven Year Review for 2000 – 2007

RECOMMENDATION: Viable

The Department of Political Science has a viable program that plays a substantial role in the University's overall mission. As noted in the review, aspects of the program are to be commended, such as growth in quality research activity as well as increasing the number of majors attracted during the study period.

The reviewers also express some concerns, among them: The department is going to face a dynamic tension between high student demand for courses and high service commitments on the one hand and time needed to continue to pursue research on the other.

These concerns and the recommendations in the reviews should be addressed prior to the next regularly scheduled review.

University Curriculum Council
Academic Program Review Committee
February 16, 2011

Review of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Seven Year Review for 2000 – 2007

RECOMMENDATION: Viable

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology has a viable program that plays a substantial role in the University's overall mission. As noted in the review, aspects of the program are to be commended.

The reviewers also express some concerns, among them: the department has adequate facilities, but inadequate staff support and a heavy workload.

These concerns and the recommendations in the reviews should be addressed prior to the next regularly scheduled review.

University Curriculum Council
Academic Program Review Committee
February 16, 2011

Review of the Department of History
Seven Year Review for 2000 – 2007

RECOMMENDATION: Viable

Summary

The Department of History has a viable program that plays a substantial role in the University's overall mission. As noted in the review, aspects of the program are to be commended, such as serving the university through its large non-major enrollments; the Costa and Lazaroff Lectures; the annual Baker Peace Conference; and its Master of Social Science Program.

The reviewers also express some concerns, among them: the loss of promising young faculty members to other universities that could seriously impede progress.

These concerns and the recommendations in the reviews should be addressed prior to the next regularly scheduled review.

University Curriculum Council
Academic Program Review Committee
March 1, 2011

Review of the School of Journalism
Seven Year Review for 1999 – 2006

RECOMMENDATION: Viable

The School of Journalism has a viable program that plays a substantial role in the University's overall mission. As noted in the review, aspects of the program are to be commended, such as retooling their course offerings to give all students a firm foundation in a variety of modern journalism skills.

The reviewers also express some concerns and the recommendations in the reviews that should be addressed prior to the next regularly scheduled review.

University Curriculum Council
Academic Program Review Committee
March 1, 2011

Review of the Center for International Studies
Seven Year Review for 2000 – 2007

RECOMMENDATION: Viable

The Center for International Studies has a viable program that plays a substantial role in the University's overall mission. As noted in the review, aspects of the program are to be commended, such as providing a valuable, interdisciplinary base for academic degrees, coursework, public programs and research covering geographic regions and thematic topics.

The reviewers also express some concerns, among them the fact that it depends on interdisciplinary contributions, which may not be rewarded adequately by the University.

These concerns and the recommendations in the reviews should be addressed prior to the next regularly scheduled review.