

## Process for Program and Unit Review

### University of Kentucky

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- I. Programs and Academic units engage in periodic review with internal and external stakeholders. The university through the Office of Institutional Effectiveness provides a schedule of these reviews ([http://www.uky.edu/ie/sites/www.uky.edu.ie/files/uploads/PIE\\_PR\\_Master%20Schedule\\_Educational\\_OFFICIAL%20PDF.pdf](http://www.uky.edu/ie/sites/www.uky.edu.ie/files/uploads/PIE_PR_Master%20Schedule_Educational_OFFICIAL%20PDF.pdf)). The Senate participates by nominating faculty to serve as members of these reviews. Units may also solicit membership from other universities, institutions, and professional organizations.
- II. Most often the program and unit reviews are part of the college review. The Provost appoints the chair of the review committee and charges the members, again often with membership nominated by the Senate.
- III. At the conclusion of these reviews, the review report is presented to the Provost for his/her response to the recommendations of the review committee.
- IV. Should the recommendations include actions such as the creation, consolidation, transfer, closure or significant reduction of an academic program or education unit, the recommendations will come to the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee following Senate's Rules (see Senate Rules 3.4.2, "Procedures Governing Creation, Consolidation, Transfer, Closure, or Significant Reduction of an Academic Program or Educational Unit").
- V. Upon receipt of a proposal, the Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee will make appropriate recommendations to the University Senate (and through the Senate to the President and/or Provost) regarding creation, abolition or alterations in organization or structure, or reporting relationships, of educational units throughout the University.
- VI. These recommendations will then be presented to the Board of Trustees for their approval.

**Proposed Process for Soliciting Feedback and Communication for  
Review of the Graduate School and Graduate Education  
University of Kentucky, Fall 2016**

1. The Senate in collaboration with the Provost and the Interim Dean of the Graduate School will work through multiple venues and opportunities to articulate functions and future of graduate education at UK.
2. Information has already been gathered from faculty through communication with department chairs and academic leadership, presentation to the Senate by the Provost, and discussions between directors of graduate studies and the Provost. This information will be aggregated (November 17) and included with other documents and reports.
3. The Graduate School has contracted with an external consultant. Four activities are included in the contract: (1) conducting qualitative interviews with campus stakeholders in January 2017 to identify dimensions of graduate education that need attention or improvements, and identification of programs that have been successful in the development of forward-thinking offerings; (2) aggregating existing knowledge to understand the most impactful data regarding the future of graduate education in the national landscape; (3) examining occupation and labor trends and to identify graduate schools which are responding to these trends; and (4) from 1 – 3 identifying national trends and gaps to identify possible new programs (similar to the work of the Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAPPC) recently, chaired by Wally Ferrier).
4. A joint, blue ribbon committee of 15-20 faculty and administrators (and potentially students) will review previous data, reports, and the report from the external contractor and develop a report by the end of the academic year 2016-2017.
5. The report of the blue ribbon committee will be disseminated for comment and input during the fall of 2017, with an expectation of adoption/action January 2018.
6. Should organizational changes be recommended, a proposal will be submitted to the Senate's Academic Organization and Structure Committee for its review and recommendations to the SC and Senate, Provost and President, and Board of Trustees.