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Background

The purpose of external review is to provide the opportunity for objective outside input on academic programs. For some academic programs, accreditation review serves this purpose. For programs which are not subject to accreditation review, formal external review provides a mechanism for outside input.

In academic departments that offer more than one degree, external review of the degree programs may be combined into a single review. Non-degree granting academic departments will also undergo external review. Where accreditation review occurs at the College level, this review can be considered as an external review of a program within the college as long as the accreditation report makes substantive comments about individual programs within the College. Interdisciplinary degree programs may be evaluated by a single external review, as long as the review team is appropriately constituted.

RESOLUTION ON EXTERNAL REVIEW

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- WHEREAS, The Conunitment to Visionary Pragmatism document has identified external program review as necessary; and
- WHEREAS specialized accreditation is not available for some degree programs or available accreditation may be deemed unnecessary by the department and the Vice President for Academic Affairs, be it therefore
- RESOLVED, that all degree programs, in consultation with their college dean, will seek either specialized accreditation or undergo external review; and be it further
- RESOLVED, that the timing of external review efforts be coordinated with the Academic Senate Program Review & Improvement Conunittee to minimize the workload of the program faculty in preparing for review; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the results of specialized accreditation review or external review will be communicated to the college dean, the Academic Senate Program Review & Improvement Committee, and to the President or his/her designee; and be it further

RESOLVED, that program faculty will have an opportunity to respond in writing to all findings and recommendations raised during the review process; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President or his/her designee will report to the program, the college dean, and to the Academic Senate Program Review & Improvement Committee within six months regarding recommendations made to the program during the review process.

Proposed by the Academic Senate
Instruction Committee and the Academic
Senate Program Review & Improvement
Committee