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Academic Criteria Development Summer Committee Charge

The Academic Criteria Development Committee is charged with creating draft criteria for evaluating all academic programs on campus.

This process has been completed by many other universities, and we have many examples from which to work. Please review the criteria that has been provided by the steering committee in the shared folder and take from them anything useful. Also, think about how the individual academic programs are different and how the criteria will relate to each of them. They need to be broad enough to be relevant to all programs and specific enough to reflect the diversity that we have developed.

The Steering Committee will develop a list of all academic programs that will eventually be evaluated and categorized based on the criteria that you will be putting together. Generally, for the academic side of the house, this means graduate degrees, majors, minors, emphases, departments, and interdisciplinary programs. One definition of a program is any activity or collection of activities that consumes resources.

The SC will produce a specific list, but this definition should give you some idea about to what the criteria will apply.

Specifically, we charge this committee to:

1. Meet over the summer as necessary, e.g. 2-5 meetings.
2. Engage broader community and stakeholders to assist with development.
3. Review compiled criteria in preparation for developing your own.
4. Develop approximately 6-8 draft criteria for evaluating academic programs.
5. Develop prospective measures for each of those criteria.
6. Suggest weight for each criterion.
7. Suggest possible data that can be used.
8. Complete task by August 4.

It is important that the committee provide written explanations as to why you came to your conclusions about criteria.

These criteria will be reviewed and edited by the steering committee in August. The steering committee will then present them to campus during the Fall semester.

Jamie Page-Stadler and Steve Bentivenga will be joining your committee and will be available to help clarify your task. Anne Milkovich is serving as a facilitator for all the groups' work.

Please elect a chair and schedule your summer meetings as soon as possible, as we know how difficult that part of the project can be.