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FROM:	David Connors, Executive Secretary, Program Review Subcommitee
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CC:	Recording Secretary, Rhonda Roquemore, Vanessa Shih, Karin Elliott Brown
SUBJECT:	Annual Senate Committee Report

Policies/Items completed during 2025-2026

The Program Review process is a two-year process. The Self-Study is completed in the first year. The second year includes the External Review (for those programs not externally accredited) and the review by the Program Review Subcommittee members.

For the programs beginning the Self-Study, three workshops were held: Orientation/Introduction to the Self-Study/PRS process (September 26, 2025), Meaningful Assessment (October 3, 2025), and Data Pull (presented by Institutional Effectiveness, October 10, 2025). Representatives from the following programs attended the workshops: From ECST - Civil Engineering MS, Computer Science MS, Electrical Engineering MS, and Mechanical Engineering MS. From NSS – Anthropology BA and MA, Biological Sciences BS and MS, Geography BA, Geology BS and MS, Environmental Science MS, History BA and MA, Physics BS and MS, and Sociology BA and MA.

For programs that are externally accredited, they submit a Modified Self-Study. A Modified Program Review Workshop was held on September 12, 2025. The College of Business and Economics accredited programs were scheduled for this. The Acting Dean requested a one-year postponement.

For programs that complete their self-study the previous year, external reviews are scheduled. External Reviews were undertaken for Theater Arts BA and Television, Film and Theatre MFA (October 23-24, 2025), Mathematics BS and MS (December 3-4, 2025), Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies BA (February 12-13, 2026), Rehabilitation Services BS (February 26-27, 2026), and Educational Foundations MA (March 3-4, 2026).

The committee completed Final Reports for the following programs: Communication Studies BA and MA; Theatre Art BA and Television, Film, and Theatre MFA; and Mathematics BS and MS. The Final Report for Rehabilitation Services BS was almost complete (95%), however, due to the unexpected absence of one of the authors, it will be carried over to next year. The Final Report for Educational Foundations MA was about 50% complete, it also will be carried over to next year.

Ongoing Policies/Items

We will carry over the following programs - Urban Learning BA; Material Science and Engineering MS; Television Film and Media Studies BA and MA; Criminal Justice BS; Criminalistics MS, and Latin American

Studies BA and MA. We have experienced some challenges in finding external reviewers for these programs. Some of these have been carried over more than year. We will also carry over Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies BA. We have the Self-study and the External Reviewer's Report, The committee will be able to start the Final Report at the beginning of Fall Semester.

The Self-Study that was due from Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies BA has not yet been submitted.

Future Policies/Items and Recommendations

Having an EPC representative on the committee is a great asset. Unfortunately no EPC member was able to attend PRS meetings this academic year. I did receive written updates from Kendall Faulkner. These were very valuable, however, due to the unavailability of an EPC representative, there was no one to answer questions during the meetings.

Post-COVID, the Chair of the PRS received 3 units of reassigned time. Due to severe budget cuts to the CSU and to the campus, these units were no longer available. As a result, no one was willing to take on the role as permanent Chair for the year. During the year, each member of the committee took on the role as Acting Chair for one meeting each semester, however, the responsibility of continuity fell completely to the Executive Secretary rather than a shared task between the Chair and the Executive Secretary. (Hence, this report is coming from me rather than a faculty Chair of the PRS.)

Feedback and Recommendations

The campus needs to look at the stipends given to external reviewers (currently $750). It has been increasingly difficult to get reviewers willing to undertake this work. We look for two faculty to conduct the External Review, ideally one from within the CSU system and one from outside the CSU. They provide very valuable feedback and are a crucial component of programmatic improvement.