

Undergraduate Program Review, 2008-2009

Chair of the 2008-2009 Undergraduate Program Review Committee was Dr. Kathleen Rees. Committee members were:

Dr. Francisco Aguiniga	Dr. Kendra Huff
Dr. Marilyn Bartlett	Dr. Kim McCuiston
Dr. Shirley Bleidt	Dr. Matthew Price
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Dr. George Gresham	Dr. La Vonne Williams
Dr. Fidel Hernandez	Mr. Charles Wissinger
Dr. Michael Houf	Dr. Muhittin Yilmaz

The External Reviewers were:

Dr. Louis Harveson, Sul Ross University, Range and Wildlife Management
Dr. James Casey, University of Louisiana-Monroe, Agribusiness
Dr. Sean Chadwell, Texas A&M International University, English
Dr. Jonathan Grant, Florida State University, History
Dr. Karen Forcht, North Carolina A&T University, Computer Information Systems

Self-study reports were received for six of the eight programs to be reviewed. Programs reviewed included: Range and Wildlife Management, Agribusiness, English, History, Music/Performance, and Computer Information Systems. Because Music and Performance are nationally accredited programs, these programs were reviewed by an ad-hoc subcommittee only, with the accreditation site visit report of 2006 serving in lieu of an additional external review. The UPRSC is still awaiting submission of external review reports for Agribusiness and Computer Information Systems. As soon as these reports are received, they will be forwarded to the respective department chairs and deans, as well as the Office of the Provost.

Programs scheduled for review in 2008-2009 which were not reviewed included: Finance and Applied Arts and Sciences. The UPRSC recommends that the Finance program review be completed in 2009-2010. This request is being made on the basis of this program having an interim chair during 2008-2009. The UPRSC recommends that the review of the Applied Arts and Sciences program be deferred until 2010-2011. The Applied Arts and Sciences program was transferred from the College of Business Administration to University College in 2007-2008. Deferral of the review of the BAAS program will allow time for University College to develop and implement strategies for building this program, as well as time to gather data on the program's performance. Given this time, a valid self-study can be prepared and a realistic plan of action developed for future enhancement of the program.

2008-2009 Undergraduate Program Review Committee—Summary of Recommendations

Range and Wildlife Management

Ad-hoc subcommittee recommendation: Unconditional continuation

External reviewer recommendation: Unconditional continuation

Agribusiness

Ad-hoc subcommittee recommendation: Conditional continuation

External reviewer recommendation: Many specific recommendations offered

English

Ad-hoc subcommittee recommendation: Unconditional continuation

External reviewer recommendation: Unconditional continuation

History

Ad-hoc subcommittee recommendation: Unconditional continuation

External reviewer recommendation: Unconditional continuation

Music/Performance

Ad-hoc subcommittee recommendation: Unconditional continuation

External reviewer recommendation: External review waived due to national accreditation

Computer Information Systems

Ad-hoc subcommittee recommendation: Unconditional continuation

External reviewer recommendation: Several specific recommendations offered.

Finance

No self-study report received

Recommendation to include this program in 2009-2010 undergraduate program review

Applied Arts and Sciences

No self-study report received

Recommendation to defer review of this program until 2010-2011 due to recent transfer of program to University College