

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Report of 2014-15 activities of the Strategic Program Review Committee:

5/12/15

Number of meetings:

One per month since September 2014 (9/8/14, 10/7/14, 11/4/14, 12/2/14, 1/27/15, 2/23/15, 3/23/15, 4/27/15). The committee will resume its meetings in August.

2014-2015 Accomplishments:

In the Fall semester of 2014, Provost Henderson asked the newly appointed Assistant Vice President for Academic programs to resume and implement the program review process that was initiated by the creation of the Strategic Program Review Committee (SPRC) in 2012. The SPRC, currently chaired by Dr. Donna Gauthier (College of Nursing), and comprised of 7 faculty members recommended by Faculty Senate and appointed to the Committee for a three-year period by the Provost, has been meeting on a monthly basis since September 2014. Its charge is to define, organize, and complete the review of 6 departmental units and their respective undergraduate and graduate degree programs each academic year. The 6 programs chosen for the 2014-2015 review cycle, following the recommendations of their Deans, were Psychology, Civil Engineering, Visual Arts, Counselor Education, Allied Health, and Mathematics. To ensure continuity with its previous policies, the SPRC has elected to use the [Undergraduate Program Review Form](#) and the [Graduate Program Review Form](#) that were designed in 2013 with the support of Academic Affairs, and subsequently approved by Faculty Senate. The Strategic Program Review aims to examine, assess, and strengthen UL Lafayette's academic programs. It is a tool to help evaluate an academic unit's strengths and weaknesses, determine its ability to respond to future challenges and opportunities, identify its priorities, and aid in shaping plans for its future. For this purpose, the selected departments completed an extensive self-study that provides a quantitative and qualitative analysis of data relative to students (recruiting, enrollment, graduation rates, retention, post-graduation employment, etc.); faculty (workload and course assignments, scholarship and productivity, etc.); and programs (mission, curricula, quality of instruction, economic or cultural development, distance learning, etc.). The SPRC is designing evaluation rubrics for the self-study reports, due April 1st, 2015. The evaluation of the first 6 programs will be completed by December 2015. A master calendar for the review of all University programs over a 7-year cycle has been established.