

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND REVIEW

The mission of the Committee on Academic Planning and Review (CAPR) is to organize strategic reviews of departments/units or clusters of departments/units that have some connection in their missions. The aim of these reviews is to determine how University resources can be most effectively used in supporting a specific disciplinary area and in the case of a cluster review to consider how the contribution of related units taken together can be greater than the sum of their individual contributions.

- CAPR's reviews will be initiated by Deans, Provosts or the Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs based on a consideration of strategic plans for the unit(s), decisions regarding impending opportunities or concerns about direction or quality, where the advice of expert outside reviewers would be useful. Such reviews will be applied to individual schools, departments, programs, centers, as well as to groups of units that could extend across all three campuses.
- Units may also nominate themselves for a university-sanctioned external review.
- CAPR will oversee the review processes, and serve as an advisory group of senior faculty to help prioritize, organize and interpret the findings of the reviews. CAPR will provide the university-wide faculty perspective to the external review process and issue recommendations based upon its consideration of any materials provided by the unit, the external report, confidential exit interviews with the evaluators, and the responses of the department/unit and the relevant administrative officers.
- In addition to overseeing external reviews, CAPR will serve as an advisory group of senior faculty on other academic planning issues.