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Extension of Program Review Timeline

Departments and programs that exhibit the following will be placed on a seven-year cycle of review, in place of the standard five-year cycle:

- 1) thoroughness of review and demonstration of involvement of entire department in the process,
- 2) clarity of alignment with the mission,
- 3) clarity and appropriateness of learning goals and outcomes,
- 4) well-designed assessment practices,
- 5) clear and thoughtful analysis of department or program strengths and weaknesses,
- 6) well-defined and thoughtful action plans, including a reasonable timeline for completion, in alignment with self-assessment of strengths and weaknesses.

Departments and programs will remain on this seven-year cycle for as long as these elements are met at each review.

If the Program Review Committee feels that a department or program needs improvement in any one of these areas, the department or program will be asked to continue to submit reviews on the standard five-year cycle. To remain on the five-year cycle does not necessarily connote program weakness, but rather provides the opportunity for a department or program to engage in self-assessment practices on a more rigorous schedule until items 1-6 are achieved.