

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW BOARD 2020-21 ANNUAL REPORT**

### **To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:**

The Academic Program Review Board (APRB) respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2020-21 academic year.

### **I. Board Operations**

Jutta Heckhausen, Professor of Psychology and Social Behavior in the School of Social Ecology, continued to chair APRB during the 2020-21 academic year. APRB is a joint board of the Council on Educational Policy (CEP) and the Graduate Council. It met twice remotely via Zoom videoconference during the academic year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in addition to conducting business by email to discuss and plan for the 2021 academic program review of the School of Social Sciences.

### **II. Academic Program Reviews**

#### **A. School of Social Sciences**

The academic program review of the School of Social Sciences was originally scheduled for the 2019-20 academic year with the on-site visit to take place on April 21-24, 2020. The APRB recruited 18 faculty members from other UC campuses and top institutions to serve as the external review committee for the School of Social Sciences. The charge for the on-site review, based on the self-study materials, faculty and student survey results, and institutional data generated by the School and the Division of Institutional Research, was developed by APRB members in consultation with CEP, Graduate Council, the Dean of Undergraduate Education, and the Dean of the Graduate Division.

In March 2020, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions at the time, the on-site visit was changed to a remote format. Subsequently as the situation rapidly evolved, the APRB, in close coordination with Dean Maurer, the leadership of the Academic Senate and the Administration, decided to postpone the review to the following year to allow for an in-person site visit that would better accomplish the goals of the academic program review. The external review committee was pleased with the campus's decision of postponement and indicated its interest in participating the following year.

The School review was ultimately held on May 5-7, 2021 with a remote format in Zoom as the pandemic remains in place. The external review committee consisted of 15 members who were originally recruited for the review in 2020, and three new members. The external review team submitted its report to the Academic Senate in July 2021. The School of Social Sciences is scheduled to submit its response to the report in October 2021. CEP and Graduate Council will review the external review committee report as well as the School's response to the report in Fall 2021.

**B. School of Physical Sciences – Year 4 Follow-Up**

In Spring 2021, the School of Physical Sciences was asked to submit a brief follow-up report to its 2016-17 academic program review. The APRB asked that the School describe the actions taken by the School to address the issues raised in its review. CEP and Graduate Council will review that report and submit comments to the APRB in Fall 2021.

**C. Claire Trevor School of the Arts – Year 7 Follow-Up**

In Spring 2021, the Claire Trevor School of the Arts was asked to submit a brief follow-up report to its 2013-14 academic program review. The APRB asked that the School evaluate the effectiveness of its efforts to address the issues raised in its review and begin to consider its priorities in anticipation of the next academic program review. CEP and Graduate Council will review that report and submit comments to the APRB in Fall 2021.

**D. 2021-22 Academic Program Reviews**

The planning for the 2021-22 review of the School of Social Ecology and the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing has begun. Vice Chair Brody will lead the review of the School of Social Ecology since Chair Heckhausen recused from the process, being a faculty member in that school.

**III. APRB Membership**

Jutta Heckhausen, School of Social Ecology, APRB Chair

James Brody, Henry Samueli School of Engineering, CEP Representative

Kenneth Kraemer, Paul Merage School of Business, CEP Representative (Fall 2020)

Gregory Shaffer, School of Law, Graduate Council Representative

Cascade Sorte, School of Biological Sciences, Graduate Council Representative

Thao Nguyen, APRB Analyst