

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW BOARD  
2021-22 ANNUAL REPORT**

**To the Irvine Divisional Senate Assembly:**

The Academic Program Review Board (APRB) respectfully submits its report of activities for the 2021-22 academic year.

**I. Board Operations**

Jutta Heckhausen, Distinguished Professor of Psychological Science in the School of Social Ecology, continued to chair the APRB during the 2021-22 academic year. James Brody, Professor of Biomedical Engineering in the Henry Samueli School of Engineering, served as Vice Chair. The APRB is a joint board of the Council on Educational Policy (CEP) and the Graduate Council (GC). It met three times during the academic year, using Zoom videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the APRB planned and conducted the 2022 academic program reviews of the Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing (remote format) and the School of Social Ecology (in-person format).

**II. Academic Program Reviews**

**A. Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing**

The Sue and Bill Gross School of Nursing underwent an academic program review during the 2021-22 academic year. The APRB recruited six faculty members from other UC campuses and top non-UC institutions to serve as the external review committee. The charge for the 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, GC, the Dean of Undergraduate Education, and the Dean of the Graduate Division. The review was held via Zoom on March 2-3, 2022, in agreement with the school leadership's preference for a remote format due to the pandemic. The external review committee submitted its report to the Academic Senate in April 2022. The School of Nursing submitted its response to the report in June 2022. CEP and GC will review the external review committee report as well as the school's response to the report in Fall 2022.

**B. School of Social Ecology**

The School of Social Ecology underwent an academic program review during the 2021-22 academic year. Vice Chair Brody led the review because Chair Heckhausen, being a faculty member in the school, recused herself from the process. The APRB recruited nine faculty members from other UC campuses and top non-UC institutions to serve as the external review committee. However, the review proceeded with eight external reviewers as one external reviewer withdrew at the last minute. The charge for the 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, GC, the Dean of Undergraduate Education, and the Dean of the Graduate Division. The review was held on-site on March 20-22, 2022, in agreement with the school leadership's preference for the in-person format. The external review committee submitted its report to the Academic Senate in June 2022. The School of Social Sciences is scheduled to submit its response to the report in October 2022.

CEP and GC will review the external review committee report as well as the school's response to the report in Fall 2022.

**C. School of Social Sciences – Year 1 Follow-Up**

In Summer 2022, the School of Social Sciences was asked to submit a brief follow-up report to its 2020-21 academic program review. The APRB asked that the school reflect on the recommendations of the external review committee and determine which steps can be taken to improve on weaknesses and/or enhance strengths. CEP and GC will review that report and submit comments to the APRB in Fall 2022.

**D. School of Biological Sciences – Year 4 Follow-Up**

In Spring 2022, the School of Biological Sciences was asked to submit a brief follow-up report to its 2017-18 academic program review. The APRB asked that the school describe the actions it had taken to address the issues raised in its review. CEP and GC will review that report and submit comments to the APRB in Fall 2022.

**E. Paul Merage School of Business – Year 7 Follow-Up**

In Spring 2022, the Paul Merage School of Business was asked to submit a brief follow-up report to its 2014-15 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 GC will review that report and submit comments to the APRB in Fall 2022.

**F. 2022-23 Academic Program Review**

Planning for the 2022-23 review of the Donald Bren School of Information and Computer Sciences began in March 2022.

**III. APRB Membership**

Jutta Heckhausen, School of Social Ecology, APRB Chair

James Brody, Henry Samueli School of Engineering, APRB Vice Chair

Daniel Nation, School of Social Ecology, CEP Representative

Gregory Shaffer, School of Law, Graduate Council Representative

Cascade Sorte, School of Biological Sciences, Graduate Council Representative

Thao Nguyen, APRB Analyst