

**SECOND REVIEW Standard Administrative Policy (SAP 2-122.2) Review -
Academic Program Review**

WHEREAS, UW *Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure* (SAP) 2-122.2 provides an opportunity for the institution and faculty to examine the quality of their academic programs as a whole, to affirm ways that the program is working well, and to implement improvements.

WHEREAS, Per the University's *Policies and Procedures Vetting Process* (see http://www.uwyo.edu/generalcounsel/files/docs/updates-to-main-page-2017/policies_vetting_process.pdf), any new or modified policy or procedure is sent to this Policy Review Group (VPs, Deans, Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, ASUW, Internal Auditor) for review and feedback.

WHEREAS, After the original draft was sent to campus related to proposed updates to the *Standard Administrative Policy and Procedure: Academic Program Review* (SAP 2-122.2), campus feedback was received from several deans and directors. The Provost's Office then incorporated their comments and updated more of the substance of the policy to reduce administrative burden for campus departments and clean up some of the program review and self-study processes.

WHEREAS, Below is a list of the proposed updates:

Definitions: in addition to cleaning up the grammar and formatting,

- Added definition of an "Academic Program" which includes certificate programs.
- Added that the Provost's Office, Deans or Directors may all initiate an earlier review of the new program if not performing as expected.
- Added doctoral degrees and certificate programs to the reviews of low producing programs.
- Removed the requirement that the Academic Planning Committee of Faculty Senate be notified of suspended admissions. Notification will still be sent to Faculty Senate, but they now have the autonomy to decide what committee they would like to review it.
- Added that programs with specialized accreditation should provide any update reports that occur between accreditation cycles to the Compliance and Review Specialist in the Provost's Office.

Section III-VI:

- Departments will provide an update report of timeline progress during the fall of the third year after the last external review visit.
- Deans, Directors, or the Provost's Office may initiate an earlier internal review upon request if a new program is not performing as expected.

- The Provost initiates the program review to Deans and Directors.
- Self-Studies are due early fall.
- The department will work with their college/school and the Provost's office to create a timeline of change/recommendations for six years leading to the next program review in year seven.
- Departments will also provide an updated progress report in the third year following the most recent review.

Appendices:

- Removed Appendix A timeline. This information will now be hosted on the website to allow for more descriptive language.
- Appendix B (now A) modified so that all that is required in a self-study is the main report and any appendices/evidence that support the main report.
- Appendix C (now B) drastically reduced so that only what is required now requested.
- Eliminated Appendix D entirely as it was a repeat of the Self-Study guidelines.
- Reduced Appendix E (now C) only contains the required questions for the external review team.
- Reduced the Appendix F (now D) due to inconsistent travel schedules to and from Laramie, the external review schedule was changed to a simple 3-day schedule with more travel time.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming that Faculty Senate supports the proposed **changes to SECOND REVIEW Standard Administrative Policy (SAP 2-122.2) Review - Academic Program Review, with the exception of the changes to low producing programs. We propose this be deleted from this SAP and addressed in a separate SAP.**

Authentication: *The foregoing Faculty Senate Resolution 509, duly adopted by the Faculty Senate of the University of Wyoming under date of March 23, 2026, is hereby transmitted to the President of the University of Wyoming for review in accordance with UW Regulations.*

*Beau Brown, Faculty Senate Coordinator
March 23rd, 2026*