TO: The Academic Senate
FROM: Committee on Academic Planning & Review (CAPR)
SUBJECT: 5-Year Program Review schedule shift
PURPOSE: For Action by the Academic Senate

ACTION REQUESTED: That the Academic Senate approve the shift of the entire 5-year program review schedule by one year for all programs not bound by accreditation rules to be evaluated on a particular schedule, with the exceptions noted below; effective on the signature of the President

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: CAPR recommends, on a 7:1 majority vote at its meeting on October 15th, that the Academic Senate shift the entire program review schedule by one year for all programs not bound by accreditation rules to be evaluated on a particular schedule. CAPR further recommends to the Academic Senate that this does not include programs scheduled for reviews in previous years that have requested postponement to 09-10 which must submit their review this year. Finally, CAPR recommends that programs wishing to complete their reviews in 09-10 as scheduled may request an exception to the proposed delay and submit their reviews this year on the timetable detailed in the program review policy and procedures.

Note that following submission of a request to CAPR by numerous College of Science Department Chairs to delay their 09-10 program reviews by one year due to the furlough situation and time and budgetary challenges, and following a recommendation by the Academic Senate to consider widening this from the College of Science to the whole University with certain caveats, CAPR instead voted 7:1 to recommend that all program reviews be shifted by one year unless, for accreditation purposes, they should be reviewed in a particular year to harmonize the efforts required for internal and external planning and evaluation. Further, it recommended that any program review previously delayed from 08-09 to 09-10 be required to go ahead as planned this year and that any program wishing to continue with their scheduled 09-10 review be allowed to do so. CAPR thus did not vote on the College of Science request since it was considered moot in the light of the recommendation for an across-the-board delay. Note that the CAPR Chair expects the one program affected by the recommendation to continue with already delayed reviews (Communication) to request that it also be granted a delay. CAPR will, of course, consider this, if requested, at a subsequent meeting. However, it strongly agrees with the Academic Senate that reviews held over from 08-09 continue as planned.