**DEPARTMENT REVIEWS AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY**

**EXTERNAL REVIEWER QUESTIONS**

**General**

1. How does the department compare with similar departments from peer institutions? Where would you rank this department in comparison to other departments in the United States?
2. How do the department goals align with the university’s goals?
3. What are some accomplishments of the department that distinguish it from other departments?
4. What are some weaknesses or areas of concern?
5. Does the culture of the department promote innovation, scholarship, and learning?
6. Does this department meet national standards of excellence?
7. Is there a societal demand for the programs offered in the department?

**Curriculum**

1. How does the curriculum compare to those offered in similar programs?
2. Is the curriculum up to date?
3. How well does the curriculum address current trends in the discipline?
4. Are there distinguishing features of the curriculum that set it apart from other programs in your discipline?
5. Is the curriculum designed with an appropriate level of rigor?
6. Are the learning outcomes assessed appropriately?

**Faculty**

1. How would you describe the quality of the faculty in comparison national standards for your discipline?
2. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the faculty with regard to their research/scholarship?
3. What are the strengths and weaknesses of the faculty with regard to the curriculum?
4. Are there certain areas of faculty expertise that are not well represented in the department that should be?
5. Does the curriculum appropriately integrate the strengths of the faculty?
6. Evaluate the diversity of the faculty.

**Students**

1. Do the academic programs have an appropriate number of students?
2. How would you describe the quality of the students?
3. How would you rate the scholarly/creative activities of students from this department?
4. Is the graduation rate comparable to those found in similar departments?
5. How would you rank graduates of this department in comparison to those from other departments in your discipline/area of study?
6. Evaluate the diversity of the students.

**Resources**

1. How do the resources devoted to this department compare to the amount of resources devoted to similar departments in your discipline?
2. Do you suggest any reallocation of resources within the department to advance the department?
3. Given times of scarce resources, what strategies do you suggest for strengthening this department?
4. Given modest increases in resources, what are some possible opportunities for this department?
5. Given no increase in resources, is the department viable and sustainable?

**Future directions**

1. Are the department goals reasonable?
2. What, if any, opportunities are there for growth in this department?
3. Identify anticipated national changes in your discipline/society that will affect this department?
4. What is the demand for future students in this department?
5. What should the department’s priorities and objectives be for the next five years?
6. What obstacles do you see as limiting the department’s ability to be a national leader? Do you have suggestions for addressing those obstacles in ways that would require minimal funds?
7. What opportunities for interdisciplinary and collaborative projects exist between this department and other departments at Old Dominion University?