NJIT Program Review Process: An Enhanced Model

Meeting of the Committee for Department and Program Assessment & Sub-Committee on Assessment
May 11, 2010
Background: Transparency and Collaboration

Milestone Events

- August 20, 2010: First Rapid Assessment and Steering Committee Meeting
- February 22, 2010: Program Review Briefing to Deans
- April 6, 2010: Approval of MSCHE Self Study Design
- April 8, 2010: Program Review Document Circulated
- May 11, 2010: Charge from President

Influences

- Regional Accreditation from MSCHE
- Program Accreditation from External Agencies
- NJIT Program Review Process
- NJIT Strategic Plan, 2010-2015
- College Strategic Plans
- Funded Educational Research
The Four Objectives of Program Review

Beyond a mere audit, the Program Review Process has four innovative objectives:

• To provide a *forum for the assessment* and improvement of all degree granting accredited programs;
• To demonstrate *continuous improvement* in the delivery of educational curricula;
• To promote a *culture of assessment* by building a cohesive assessment strategy;
• To create a *central, web-based repository* for assessment design and supporting documents.
The Two Vehicles of Program Review

- Committee for Department and Program Assessment: Policy
- Sub-Committee on Assessment: Research
Committee Membership

Committee for Department and Program Assessment: Policy

Steve Tricamo (Chair as Associate Provost)
Joel Bloom
Sunil Saigal
Urs Gauchat
Fadi Deek
Narain Gehani
Bob English
Rich Sweeney
Jack Gentul

Sub-Committee on Assessment: Research

Perry Deess (Co-chair as IRP Director)
John Bechtold (Member as Master Teacher)
James Geller
Norbert Elliot (Member as MSCHE Chair)
John Cays
Shanti Gopalakrishnan
Bruce Bukiet
Ala Saadeghvaziri
Barry Cohen
Process and Initial Programs

• “In early April (now May) of 2010, the Committee for Department and Program Assessment will convene and establish a limited set of degrees to be examined in the spring and summer (now fall).”
• “Five-year cycle” launched: Fall 2010
• Toward more robust definition of the term “academic program”

• Newark College of Engineering
  – BS Biomedical Engineering or BS in Civil Engineering
  – MS Engineering Management or MS in Pharmaceutical Engineering

• College of Science and Liberal Arts
  – BA / BS Communication and Media
  – MS Professional and Technical Communication