

Faculty Contact with External Review Committee

Below is a statement from the Program Review Panel (PRP) concerning faculty contact with the External Review Committee during the review period. Please distribute it to your faculty. The statement is intended to guide faculty who might, often with the best of intentions, seek to communicate with a reviewer before, during, or after the review visit. PRP believes that during the review period faculty should not interact with reviewers except as provided for in the schedule for the zoom visit. The review period should be understood to begin when the external reviewers are announced and conclude when the Program receives the ERC report.

PRP STATEMENT ON FACULTY INTERACTION WITH THE EXTERNAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Because a successful program review depends on the independent judgment of a well-qualified External Review Committee, the Program Review Panel asks that faculty members refrain from having social or professional contact with members of the External Review Committee (ERC) until the external review has been completed and the department has received the ERC's report. During the committee's visit, each faculty member will have an opportunity to meet with one or more reviewers. Questions about the ERC's report should be directed to the Department Chair or to PRP and not to the ERC.