The review of academic programs shall involve analysis of both quantitative and qualitative data, and institutions must demonstrate that they make judgments about the future of academic programs within a culture of evidence, addressing the issues of quality, viability, and productivity of efforts in teaching and learning, scholarship, and service as appropriate to the institution’s mission.

The cycle of review for all undergraduate academic programs shall be no longer than seven (7) years, and for all graduate programs no longer than ten (10) years.

Programs accredited by external entities may substitute an external review for institutional program review, provided the external review meets USG and institution requirements for program review.
CPR: What’s changed:

• The USG chief academic officer must approve each institution’s plan for the conduct of a complete cycle of program review and may require changes in the plan.

• Requests for changes to the plan will be reviewed and approved by the USG chief academic officer. Updates to Comprehensive Program Review Schedules will be provided as notification items to the USG chief academic officer.

• Each institution shall submit an annual program review report to the USG chief academic officer, which shall include a list of academic programs reviewed and a summary of findings for programs reviewed during the previous year.

• The USG chief academic officer shall monitor annually a small number of performance indicators for academic programs and shall initiate dialogue with the chief academic officer of the institution when programs do not meet the guidelines defined by the indicators.

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- USG institutions will provide a web link outlining their institutional comprehensive program review procedures.
- USG institutions will post, password protection by department if desirable, the institutional review cycle and a summary of current institutional reviews.
- The System Office staff will perform spot audits on the posted institutional comprehensive program reviews to ensure that reviews are producing information to inform institutional decision-making on the issues of quality, productivity and viability.
- In addition, institutions will inform the System Office on how the review process will be enhanced in future cycles.

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• Newly approved programs will automatically be reviewed in five years after launch to assure quality. If successfully reviewed, the program will become part of the regular institutional cycle. If unsuccessful, the institution will present a plan of action to the System Office.

• The System Office staff will continue to provide information on programs with low enrollment for institutional review and response.

• Institution or System Office may elect to review General Education and Learning Support