

## **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE (APAC)**

### **Charter**

The Academic Programs Assessment Committee (APAC) was formed in 2017 to oversee student learning outcomes assessment in the University's degree programs. APAC is a hybrid committee that reports to the Faculty Organization and Academic Affairs.

The members who comprise APAC are the Director of Assessment and Accreditation; a representative from each of the five colleges' assessment committees (typically, the chairpersons); a representative from Undergraduate Affairs Committee; and a representative from Graduate Affairs Committee.

The Director of Assessment and Accreditation serves as the committee's permanent co-chair. One of the faculty members on APAC is elected annually to serve as the other co-chair.

APAC's primary role is to coordinate the University's student learning outcomes assessment activities. A representative body, its committee membership allows for communication to flow to and from the University's academic departments via the college assessment committees. Its membership also fosters communication with the committees that oversee program development and modification at the undergraduate and graduate level (i.e., the UAC CPAC and GAC CPACs) to ensure that assessment is embedded in new and revised programs. Finally, it provides a communication channel with the Office of Academic Affairs via the Director of Assessment and Accreditation.

In addition to coordinating the University's student learning outcomes assessment, APAC advises the faculty and Academic Affairs on matters relating to assessment, including practices and policies. It also approves program assessment plans; reviews annual college assessment and general education assessment reports; and produces a yearly report for the Faculty Senate and Academic Affairs on the state of learning outcomes assessment at the University.