

# METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

## Academic Program Review Policy 2550

### **Section 1. Purpose**

This policy sets the standard for planning and conducting academic program reviews, creating action plans based on those reviews, and reporting progress against the respective action plans at Metropolitan State University.

The purpose of an Academic Program Review is to facilitate a high quality and meaningful learning experience for our students by evaluating program relevance, effectiveness and alignment with Metropolitan State University's mission and strategic goals.

Systematic and comprehensive program reviews will provide evidence to support:

- Planning and decision making at all levels
- Continuous improvement
- Programmatic innovation
- Stewardship of institutional resources

The program review provides input into a Program Action Plan that identifies goals, actions and needed resources. Continuous Improvement Reports describe progress against the Program Action Plans.

### **Section 2. Authority**

This policy is issued pursuant to authority granted under the Rules and Regulations of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system.

### **Section 3. Effective Date**

This policy shall become effective upon signature by the president and shall remain in effect until modified or expressly revoked.

### **Section 4. Responsibility**

Responsibility for implementation of this policy is assigned to the Provost.

### **Section 5. Procedure**

Academic Procedure 255, Academic Program Review Process, implements this policy. Procedure 255 provides guidance for facilitating, planning, and evaluating academic program reviews.

### **Section 6. Policy**

Metropolitan State University shall delineate a procedure for planning and conducting Academic Program Reviews, creating Program Action Plans and reporting progress with Continuous Improvement Reports. Such a process shall include, but is not limited to, the review format, documentation requirements, and approvals as evidenced by authorizing signatures by the (1) Department Chair, (2) Dean, and (3) Provost.

### **Section 7. Review**

This policy will be reviewed every three years or as needed.

**Section 8. Signatures**

Issued on this day of January 13, 2017

Carol Bormann Young

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