Program Review

Information concerning Program Review can be found at: http://umaine.edu/provost/program-review-criteria/

Program review at the University of Maine is part of the ongoing process of accountability and improvement of the academic enterprise. It is governed by both University of Maine System (UMS) and national accreditation standards. All academic programs will be reviewed at least every seven years, with every five years preferred. Newly formed academic programs will have an abbreviated review after two years.

The link above provides information on the following topics related to program review:

- UMS and national accreditation standards
- General guiding principles
- Overview of the process
- The self-study
- The external review
- Post-review process

Responsibility for arrangements
- The department chair will nominate potential reviewers. The Dean will issue invitations and will seek the department chair’s input to select the team from among available reviewers.
- Once the team has been selected, arrangements for the visit are the responsibility of the department.

Responsibility for costs
- The Dean’s Office covers the honorarium for two external reviewers at $500 each. The honorarium is paid after the reviewers’ report has been received.
- Other expenses associated with the review are split evenly among the department, the Dean’s Office, and the Provost’s Office. Departments are encouraged to keep in mind the cost of travel when nominating reviewers.