



Brandeis University

Re-Accreditation Checkpoint

May 17, 2005

Agenda



- **Updates from the Committees**
- **Questions from the Committees**
- **The Re-Accreditation Timeline**
- **Expectations for September**

Three-Minute Updates



- **What progress has your committee made to date?**
- **In what areas are you feeling most confident about the progress you have made?**
- **In what areas do you have the most concern about moving forward?**
- **What do you plan to achieve over the summer?**

1 and 2: Mission and Planning



- **Chairs:**
 - **Marty Krauss**
 - **Peter French**

- **Committee Members:**
 - **Integrated Planning Committee**
 - **Suggested Faculty Senate**

Reviewer: Robert Moody

Support Staff: Michaele Whelan, Jim Hurley, John Hose

3: Organization and Governance



- **Chairs:**
 - **Stephen Reiner**
- **Committee Members:**
 - **Other Trustee: TBD**
 - **Faculty Senate Reviewer: TBD, as needed**

Support Staff: John Hose, Judy Sizer

4: General Academic Program



- **Chairs:**
 - **Marty Krauss**
 - **Irv Epstein**

- **Committee:**
 - **Faculty Senate Council**
 - **School Councils**
 - **Deans**

Support Staff: Elaine Wong, John Hose

4: Undergraduate Degree Programs, General Education, and The Major or Concentration



- **Chairs:**
 - **Adam Jaffe**
 - **Judith Tsipis**
- **Committee Members:**
 - **Susan Dibble (UCC Faculty Rep/Creative Arts)**
 - **Bill Kapelle (Social Sciences)**
 - **Bulbul Chakraborty (Science)**
 - **Steve Dowden (Humanities)**
 - **Carol Ortenberg (UCC Student Rep)**

Support Staff: Elaine Wong, Judith Jaffe, Lorna Laurent

4: Graduate Degree Programs



- **Chairs:**
 - **Sylvia Barack Fishman**
 - **Leslie Griffith**

- **Committee Members:**
 - **Liz Hedstrom (GSAS)**
 - **David Gil (Heller)**
 - **Carol Osler (IBS)**

Support Staff: Milton Kornfeld, Sybil Smith

4: Integrity in the Award of Academic Credit



- **Chairs:**
 - **Mark Hewitt**
 - **Tren Dolbear**

- **Committee Members:**
 - **Cynthia Phillips (Rabb)**
 - **Dirck Roosevelt**
(A&S Rabb Council Member)

4: Assessment of Student Learning



- **Chairs/Committee:**
 - **Marty Krauss**
 - **Jean Eddy**
 - **Marya Levenson**
 - **Paul Jankowski**

Support Staff: Michaele Whelan, Judy Pearson, Elaine Wong, Judith Jaffe

4: The Assessment Audit



- **Objectives**
 - **Understand the current range of assessment activities across Brandeis**
 - **Assemble evidence for the re-accreditation report**
 - **Share assessment best practices across the units**
 - **Prepare a baseline for measuring future improvements**
- **This summer we will:**
 - **Develop a catalog of assessment methods**
 - **Identify units and programs to be surveyed**
 - **Conduct interviews and focus groups**
 - **Develop a preliminary analysis**

5: Faculty



- **Chairs:**
 - **Maria Pellegrini**
 - **Mick Watson**
- **Committee Members:**
 - **Marcus Baenzinger**
(Committee for Support of Teaching)
 - **Esther Ratner**
(Faculty Advising Committee)
 - **Deb Garnick (Heller)**
 - **Faculty Senate Reviewer**

**Support Staff: Lorna Laurent, Steven Hunt, Michele Rosenthal,
Mary Jean Corbett**

6: Admissions, Retention, and Graduation



- **Chairs:**
 - **Jean Eddy**
 - **Steve Burg**

- **Committee Members:**
 - **Faculty**
 - **Sarah Parrott**
 - **1 Undergraduate Student**
 - **1 Graduate Student**

6: Student Services



- **Chairs:**
 - **Jean Eddy**
 - **Rick Sawyer**
 - **Jerry Cohen**

- **Committee Members:**
 - **Peter Giumette**
 - **Kim Godsoe**
 - **Sarah Parrott**
 - **Jessica Basile**
 - **Brian Walton**
 - **IBS Staff Representative**
 - **Heller Staff Representative**
 - **Athletic Department Staff**
 - **Hiatt Career Center Staff**
 - **1 Undergraduate Student**
 - **1 Graduate Student**
 - **Faculty from the Judicial Board**

Support Staff: Called on as necessary

7: Library and Other Information Resources



- **Chairs:**
 - **Tim Hickey**
 - **Perry Hanson**
 - **Sue Wawrzaszek**
- **Committee Members:**
 - **Library Technology Services Advisory Committee**
 - **Bob Meyer (Faculty Reviewer)**

Support Staff: Tracey Leger-Hornby

8 and 9: Physical and Technological Resources and Financial Resources



- **Chairs:**
 - **Jon Chilingierian**
 - **Peter French**

- **Committee Members:**
 - **Dan Feldman**
 - **Mark Collins**
 - **Jeff Solomon**
 - **Nancy Winship/Michael Gilbreath**
 - **Jim Hurley**
 - **Maureen Murphy**
 - **Perry Hanson**

Support Staff: Called on as necessary

10: Public Disclosure



- **Chairs:**
 - **Lorna Whalen**

- **Committee Members:**
 - **Mark Hewitt**
 - **Michael Socolow**

Support Staff: Dennis Nealon, Lisa Goodman

11: Integrity



- **Chairs:**
 - **Richard Gaskins**
 - **Peter French**

- **Committee Members:**
 - **Rick Sawyer**
 - **Jeff Solomon**
 - **Larry Steranka**
 - **Deb Gratto**
 - **Lorna Whalen**

Support Staff: Judy Sizer, Maureen Murphy, Jim Hurley *Page 18*

Questions from the Committees



1. How should the Committees present their findings? Does the Description-Appraisal-Projection format apply to the standard as a whole or to each sub-standard?

- **Where possible, each of the sub-standards should be presented in the Description-Appraisal-Projection format. This is for:**
 - **Clarity of exposition**
 - **Simplicity of roll-up**

2. How far back should the data go?

- **Minimally, to 2000. There may be situations in which the strength of the argument and the availability of the data warrant a longer time horizon.**
- **A variety of data sources are available.**
 - **Internal: Faculty database, SAGE**
 - **External: AAU, NACUBO, IPEDS**
 - **Contact Jim Hurley or Michael Whelan for more information**

Questions from the Committees (cont'd)



3. What benchmark schools should we use?

- The list of standard benchmark schools has been handed out. In some cases (e.g., graduate school comparisons), other sets of benchmarks will be needed.

4. Should we be prepared to print out all supporting documentation, or can we reference URLs?

- For now, URLs are fine. We will determine later what needs to be printed out and/or put in the Visiting Committee work room.

Timeline and Key Milestones



- **March – May: Chairs convene Committees and begin working on development of their sections**
- **May: Working session of Chairs and Staff to discuss progress**
- **Summer '05: Support Staff begin working on drafts**
- **Fall '05: Committees continue to meet, collect information, draft sections**
- **Mid-October: Post summer working session**
- **December 1: Third working session of Chairs and Staff to discuss progress**
- **January 30, '06: Deadline for first draft**
- **February 29: Feedback to Committees on draft**
- **March 30: Revisions due from Committees; begin integration of report**
- **May and June: Release of draft self-study and community review**
- **Summer: Draft submitted to NEASC**
- **November: Accreditation Team visit to campus**
- **Winter '07: Receipt of NEASC Accreditation Team evaluation**
- **Spring '07: Re-accreditation by NEASC**

Expectations for the Summer



- **Over the summer, Committee staffers should continue to:**
 - **Frame the issues,**
 - **Identify and collect data, and**
 - **Start initial drafts of the document.**
- **By September, Committees should be prepared to:**
 - **Identify the evidence for each sub-standard**

Standard X	Data Sources
Standard X.1	1. Data source 2. Data source
Standard X.2	1. Data source
Standard X.3	1. Data source 2. Data source

- **Provide an outline/“story line” for each standard**