Assessment and Review of Graduate Doctoral Programs

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General Comments on Program Reviews

• Intensive, individual program reviews vs. university-wide reviews
  — The two are complementary
  — Both are important
  — University-wide provides a snapshot view across all programs
  — Reveals patterns not otherwise apparent
The NRC Review

• Methodology guide is available
  http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/Resdoc/index.htm

• Await release of report

• Data collected for it provides a basis for university-initiated reviews
Steps for University-wide Reviews

• Establish goals for the reviews. These will depend on the circumstances and objectives of each university
• Develop the criteria by which the programs will be judged and outcomes decided
• Decide what information and data to use as a foundation for the reviews
Steps, Continued

- Decide the (university-specific) process and context for carrying out the reviews. How will the individual programs be involved?
- Develop a schedule and plan for carrying out the reviews
- Develop a plan for:
  - receiving and evaluating the information from or about the individual programs
  - formulating recommendations and outcomes
Communications and Action Plan

- Develop a plan for communicating the results to the university community and to external constituents
- Develop an action plan and schedule for implementing the findings and recommendations of the review
- Ohio State website for Doctoral Program Review
  http://oaa.osu.edu/DoctoralProgramReview.php
For additional information

• See presentation from 2008 annual meeting:
  http://www.cgsnet.org/portals/0/pdf/mtg_am08Osmer.pdf