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FROM: Lynn Smith-Lovin  
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RE: Annual report of APC activities for 2008-09 academic year

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It is my pleasure to provide this summary of the activities of the Academic Programs Committee for the 2008-09 academic year. The members of the committee were:

David Brady (Electrical and Computer Engineering)  
Tanya Chartrand (Fuqua)  
Doriane Coleman (Law)  
Roberto Dainotto (Romance Studies)  
Laura Edwards (History)  
David Goldstein (Center Population Genomics/Pharmacogenetics)  
Hans Van Miegroet (Art, Art History & Visual Studies)  
Kathleen Pryer (Biology)  
Carlo Tomasi (Computer Science)  
Dean Urban (Nicholas School)  
Maurice Wallace (English)

I thank the committee members for their hard work and their willingness to give generously of their time and intellectual talents.

The committee completed reviews for the following programs and departments:

- Physics
- Immunology
- Math
- Economics
- Cultural Anthropology

The departments and programs whose external reviews are currently underway include:

- Fuqua Ph.D. Program (APC resolution currently being drafted)

- Statistics (visit later this semester)

We are happy to report that these external reviews continue to be completed in a more timely manner than in the past. We think that the resolutions and discussions between APC and the departmental representatives are much more useful, given this fact.

The committee reviewed and approved proposed new degree programs for:

- Duke Global Health Institute (a Masters of Science in Global Health)
- Duke Global Health Institute/Peking University Global Health Diploma
- Fuqua School of Business (a pilot program for a new Masters in Management Science)
- Pratt School of Engineering (a distance-learning option for the Masters of Engineering Management)

Other activities of APC included:

- Discussion of the criteria for degree programs to be offered under the University Institutes created under the strategic plan.
- Discussion of the Interdisciplinary Education Programming of University Institutes and Centers (UICs) (see above).
- Review and recommendations regarding the Provost's Common Fund Small Grant Proposals (30 proposals, of which 7 were funded by Vice Provost Roth's office).
- Discussion of the revisions to the Faculty Handbook and University By-Laws concerning the Accelerated Sabbatical Leaves in Arts and Sciences.
- Discussion of international initiatives of the University.
- Discussion of the Quality Enhancement Plan.
- Discussion on managing campus digital assets.
- Discussion of the issue of transitioning from Division to Department in the School of Medicine. Approval for Dermatology to move from Division to Department status.
- Several discussions of the University's financial status, as it affects programs.
- Discussion of the state of the arts at Duke.
- Discussion of the Institute for Brain Sciences: progress and challenges.
- Discussion and approval in principle of Sanford Institute of Public Policy moving to School status this summer.
- Approval of a name change of Film-Video-Digital Program (FVD) to Program in the Arts of the Moving Image (AMI).
- Approved an addendum to the Paid Post-doc Policy to cover Post-doctoral students who come with their own funding.
- Review and recommendations for the Provost's Common Fund proposals. We received 19 proposals, but there is relatively little funding to support them this year. We have made recommendations to Susan Roth's office based on our understanding that relatively few proposals will be funded. We thought that the funding that was provided should have high value in terms of coverage within the Duke community and visibility (to promote morale and a sense of forward movement, even in tough times).
- Discussion of the new strategic planning process for dealing with the financial situation.

Thank you for the opportunity to report on our activities. We are grateful for your support and look forward to continuing productive collaboration in the coming year. As always, we welcome comments and suggestions from ECAC and the Academic Council regarding how APC can best represent faculty in these review and consultative processes.