



Cornell University Faculty Committee on Program Review

Faculty Committee on Program Review (FCPR) Talking Points for Opening External Review Session

- Who we are:** The Faculty Committee on Program Review is a standing committee of Cornell University's Faculty Senate, convened to give faculty a central role in guiding the program review process, rather than having it be an administrative imposition.
- Our goal:** With our participation in program reviews at Cornell, we aim to make the review process comparable across the University and to assure that reviews are credible.
- What we do:** Two members from the FCPR are assigned to each review. We read the draft self-study and provide feedback to the department before it goes out to the external review team. We also participate in the opening and closing meetings of the external review team. Once we receive the external review team's report, as well as the responses from the dean and department, we write a one-page executive summary of the review that goes to the Provost with the report and responses.
- Our role:** Our role is purely procedural. We do not evaluate the department or the team's recommendations. We highlight key issues from the review and either affirm that it was done properly or identify problems with it.