White Mountains Community College

Comprehensive Program Review Committee

Draft Statement of Purpose

December 1, 2020

The Comprehensive Program Review Committee was established in Fall 2019. WMCC faculty, staff, and administration all have representation on the Committee, as assigned by the WMCC Leadership Team.

The Comprehensive Program Review Committee exists to foster a holistic, well-integrated understanding of all WMCC programs that directly serve prospective students, current students, and alumni, and to apply that understanding in ways that maximize the quality of students’ experience at the College.

The Committee achieves its purpose by:

* Receiving self-study materials from student-facing programs in academic affairs and student affairs as prepared by program coordinators;
* Engaging staff and faculty who deliver these programs in thoughtful, broad-based discussion; and
* Providing written actionable feedback both to the program coordinator and to the WMCC Leadership Team.

Once a program has been reviewed, oversight regarding the implementation of recommendations and the assessment of their impact moves to existing structures within the College, as appropriate. These may include work with department chairs and the vice presidents, monitoring through established annual review processes, assessment work with the Institutional Researcher, the involvement of standing committees such as the Curriculum Committee. The Comprehensive Program Review process will recur on a five-year cycle unless the Committee’s feedback letter indicates the need for an earlier review.

At the College level, outcomes of the Committee’s work are to:

* Foster thoughtful, systematic program development;
* Incorporate student perspectives into the review process;
* Raise program quality;
* Increase collaboration across the College;
* Improve program sustainability;
* Inform Leadership Team decisions surrounding the allocation of resources;
* Support institutional strategic planning; and
* Develop WMCC’s culture of assessment.