

# Program Review Committee

## Report to Faculty Council

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# Program Review Committee- Charge

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- Standing Committee of the Faculty of Medicine
- Serves as the “college curriculum committee” in the CWRU approval matrix
- Reviews major changes to existing programs (>50%)
- Presents recommendations to the Faculty Council
- Review other non-MD programs at the Dean’s request
- Distinct from the Curriculum Review Committee that reviews new courses



# Program Review Committee- Membership Term

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# Program Review Committee- Members, 2025-26

**Members of the Program Review Committee**  
 Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine  
 2025 - 2026

NAME	DEPARTMENT	EMAIL	EXPIRATION TERM
<b>5 elected faculty members currently in charge of on-going graduate or undergraduate programs involving SOM depts</b>			
Nicholas Ziats - Chair	Pathology (SOM)	<a href="mailto:npz@case.edu">npz@case.edu</a>	2027
Sarah Lynam	Reproductive Biology (UH)	<a href="mailto:sarah.lynam@uhhospitals.org">sarah.lynam@uhhospitals.org</a>	2028
Ganapati Mahabaleshwar	Pathology (SOM)	<a href="mailto:ghm4@case.edu">ghm4@case.edu</a>	2028
Christina Vargas	Surgery (MH)	<a href="mailto:cvargas@metrohealth.org">cvargas@metrohealth.org</a>	2026
Nicholas Zaorsky	Radiation Oncology (U)	<a href="mailto:nicholas.zaorsky@uhhospitals.org">nicholas.zaorsky@uhhospitals.org</a>	2026
<b>3 elected faculty members involved in graduate or undergraduate education in SOM</b>			
Gurkan Bebek	Nutrition (SOM)	<a href="mailto:gurkan@case.edu">gurkan@case.edu</a>	2027
Colin Drummond	Biomedical Engineering CSE (SOM)	<a href="mailto:cxd@case.edu">cxd@case.edu</a>	2028
Krupa Parikh	Medicine (MH)	<a href="mailto:kparikh@metrohealth.org">kparikh@metrohealth.org</a> <a href="mailto:kxp533@case.edu">kxp533@case.edu</a>	2026
<b>1 SOM faculty serving on University Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies (ex officio)</b>			
Hope Barkoukis	Nutrition (SOM)	<a href="mailto:hdb@case.edu">hdb@case.edu</a>	2026
<b>1 SOM faculty serving on University Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education (ex officio)</b>			
Vivien Yee	Biochemistry (SOM)	<a href="mailto:vcy2@case.edu">vcy2@case.edu</a>	2026
<b>Vice Dean for Graduate Education (ex officio)</b>			
Mark Jackson	Pathology (SOM)	<a href="mailto:mwj7@case.edu">mwj7@case.edu</a>	

2026:  
 One member leaving:  
 Dr. Zaorsky to new institution

Drs. Vargas and Parikh need replacement

Drs. Barkoukis and Yee needs reappointment

# Program Review Committee- Process

- **The workflow follows the new online Program Action Form**
  - ▶ <https://case.edu/registrar/>
  - ▶ Faculty and Staff - Curriculum and Program Management
- **Office of the Provost**
  - ▶ <https://case.edu/provost/faculty-academics/approvals-and-governance-academic-programs-and-processes>
- **School of Graduate Studies**
  - ▶ <https://case.edu/gradstudies/faculty/faculty-guidelines/new-program-development-guidelines>



# Program Review Committee- Approval Matrix

Academic Approval Matrix																	
	Department	School/College Curriculum Committee	School/College Faculty	School/College Dean	International Affairs Office	Library Resources Review	UTech Information Technology Review	Faculty Senate Committee on Undergraduate Education (FSCUE)	Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee	Faculty Senate	President or Provost	Board of Trustees	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	Ohio Dept of Higher Education	Higher Learning Commission (HLC)	Higher Learning Commission (HLC)	
	Action Required	Action Required	Action Required	Action Required	Action Required	Action Required	Action Required	Action Required	Action Required	Action Required	Acknowledgment only	Action Required	Action Required	Information Only	Action Required	Information Only	
<b>Administrative Structures</b>																	
School/College (new)							X			X	X	X					
School /College (name change)			X	X						X	X	X					
Department (new)			X	X			X			X	X	X					
Department (name change)	X		X	X						X	X	X					
Off-campus location (new)	X	X	X	X	I		X	U	G/P	X	X		X		X		
<b>Academic Programs</b>																	
Degrees (new)	X	X	X	X	I	X	X	U	G/P	X	X	X	X		X		
Degrees (name change)	X	X	X	X				U	G/P	X	X	X	X			X	
Degrees (change in delivery mode)	X	X	X	X	I	X	X	U	G/P	X	X	X	X		X		
Degrees (changes in credit hours)	X	X	X	X				U									
Programs/Majors (new)	X	X	X	X		X	X	U	G/P	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Programs/ Majors (name change)	X	X	X	X				U	G/P	X	X	X		X		X	
Programs/ Majors (change in delivery mode)	X	X	X	X	I	X	X	U	G/P	X	X	X		X	X		
Programs/Majors (termination)	X	X	X	X						X	X						
Minors (new)	X	X	X	X		X	X	U		U		X		X			
Minors (name change)	X	X	X	X				U				X					
Certificates (new)	X	X				X	X	U	X	X	X	X	P		P	P	
Concentration/Sequence/Track (new)	X	X					X	U	G/P								
Concentration/Sequence/Track (change)	X	X						U			P						
Course Subject Codes (new, desc changes)	X	X	X	X							P						
<b>Academic Processes</b>																	
Grades or grading system (new)	X	X	X	X				U	G/P	X							
Diploma format Univ-wide (new/change)				X				U	G/P	X	X	X					
Diploma wording change, school				X							X	X					
Transcript format (new/change)				X				U	G/P	X	X						
Five Year Academic Calendar (new/change)										X		X					
Five Year Academic Calendar (deviations)											P						
Notes: X = all levels																	
U = undergraduate level																	
G/P = graduate and professional level																	
I = if international students are to be enrolled																	
P = possibly, depending on the program. University Registrar to check with the Provost's Office																	

# Program Review Committee- Flow Approval Process for New Programs

- Department Review
- Library Resources Review
- UTech - IT review
- **Program Committee Review**
- Faculty Council
- Dean's Review
- Faculty Senate - Graduate Studies Committee
- Faculty Senate
- President or Provost
- Board of Trustees
- Ohio Department of Higher Education

# Program Review Committee- Reviews in 2025-26

- MS in Biotechnology
- MS in Genetic Counseling
- MS in Medical Physiology
- PhD Biomedical Sciences Training Program (BSTP)
- Interschool Quantitative Biosciences Graduate Certificate
- MS in Medical Physiology (online)
- Doctor of Medicine (University Program)
- PhD Molecular Medicine
- Biostatistics and Biomedical Analytics Graduate Certificate
- PhD in Physiology and Biophysics
- MS in Physiology
- Anatomical Sciences, Minor
- Food is Medicine, Minor
- MS in Translational Pharmaceutical Science
- MS in Medicine, MD
- MS/MD in Nutrition

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Questions?



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