

# 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><br><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

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# 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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