Appendix II. Strategic Issues Statement

To insure that the program review process is focused on areas of opportunity and challenges, a small set of strategic issues, typically 3 or fewer, for the review will be established by the unit and the Provost. An initial version of this statement should be completed and submitted before the Provost Summit. The strategic issues statement will be revised and finalized after the Summit and the unit will incorporate the issues into its self-study. Deans and department chairs are encouraged to engage faculty, administrators, and students in determining the strategic issues for the unit. For accredited units, these may differ from the focus of an accreditation visit, if the unit and the Provost agree on this approach.

It may be helpful for the unit to provide some brief context for the presentation of its strategic issues – strengths, weaknesses, or opportunities or relevant trend data (e.g., changes in the field, external forces, resource challenges, etc.). Appendix IV contains a set of guiding questions that might be used to identify these issues based on data and trends.

The strategic issues statement should be no longer than 5 pages, excluding appendixes.

Please include the following information as part of the Strategic Issues Statement:

Program or unit of analysis:
Dean / Department Chair:
Semester of Review:
Date Submitted:

Strategic Issues: