

2025 Academic Review of Office of the Provost and of Provost Kregel

The University President and the Faculty Senate President have assembled a faculty committee to conduct an academic review of the Office of the Provost and Provost Kregel in accordance with the procedures in our UI Policy Manual (sections II-28.4 and II-28.5):

<https://opsmanual.uiowa.edu/community-policies/academic-review>

The internal and external review committee members are:

Chair: Ed Gillan (Professor, Chemistry, CLAS)

Julie Pacheco (Professor, Political Science, CLAS)

Sarah Vigmostad (Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering, Engineering)

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Carissa Vogel (Professor of Instruction, Director of the Law Library, Law)

Dan Shane (Associate Professor, Health Management and Policy, Public Health)

William Bernhard (University of Illinois, Executive Vice Provost for Academic affairs)

The academic reviews of upper administration offices ideally occur every seven years. Recent academic/administrative reviews include the 2025 Office of the President and 2024 Office of the Vice President for Research. The last review of the UI Office of the Provost was in 2013 and subsequent reviews were delayed due to the pandemic and multiple turnovers in provost leadership. The final review reports for several central administration offices reviewed under this policy can be found on the Faculty Senate website here:

<https://faculty-senate.uiowa.edu/about-faculty-senate/administrative-reviews>

The purpose of these periodic reviews is to provide an occasion for office leadership to evaluate their programs and units and to explain the roles, functions, and activities of their office. It also permits a faculty evaluation of these offices and officers that can recognize strengths of the office's activities and may recommend improvements in structure or performance. It is intended to facilitate communication between administrative officials and faculty. The focus of the Office of the Provost review is for the past five years when Provost Kregel was the office's leader (interim provost in July 2020, provost in February 2021). It is primarily focused on activities that contribute to student success and faculty excellence, in addition to the office and officer's activities related to transparency, crisis management, and contingency planning.

The committee will review the individual office and officer self-study documents and solicit feedback from individuals with responsibilities for framing and implementing policies inside the office. Additional feedback will be solicited from others having working relationships with the office. For the Office of Provost/Provost review, during the fall 2025 semester, this will include interviews with the leadership of each college, senior leadership and staff in the Office of the Provost, campus administrative leaders, and officials at the Board of Regents who work with Office of the Provost. The committee will also conduct a survey of additional individuals on campus with interactions directly or indirectly with the office. The general interview plans mirror those used in recent OVPR and President's office reviews. The committee will create a public report reviewing the office and a confidential report reviewing the office leader. Both reports are delivered to the University President. The public office report is also delivered to the Faculty Senate President. The anticipated completion of this review process is by the end of 2025.