Part III – Overall Assessment of Programs and Department

Reflecting on the information provided in Parts I and II, respond to the questions listed below. Because your responses have direct implications for the future direction of your department and its programs, broad participation in developing them is strongly recommended.

1. Provide an overall assessment of how well your department and programs are meeting their goals. What are areas of strength? What are areas in need of attention?

2. What comparative advantages do your programs enjoy relative to similar programs at other institutions in the region? What possible comparative advantages might be developed in the future?

3. If your department offers more than one program (e.g., graduate and undergraduate or several programs at the same level), comment on the relationship between these programs – how they complement or compete with each other, how resources are allocated among them, etc.

4. Are any of the programs in your department in need of a change in direction? If so, briefly describe the direction(s) being considered and challenges you face in implementing these changes.

5. The concluding activity of the Program Review process will be to develop a five-year plan for moving your department and its programs to the next level of excellence. If you were to write the plan at this point, what are some of the specific issues would you address in the plan?

6. List several aspects of your programs and/or department you would like the external reviewer to focus on.