

**Academic Policies and Services (APS) Committee  
Charges 2009-10  
Tony Weil, Chair**

1. Review any new academic programs.
2. Evaluation of the report of the Graduate Education Task force.
3. Develop a user-friendly template to facilitate the development of petitions for new academic programs in order to streamline the process for both applicants, APS and the Faculty Senate as a whole.
4. Work with the Executive and Senate Affairs committees to clarify inconsistencies between the various governing documents regarding the authority to approve new degree programs.
5. Determine the status of the Innovation and Discovery in Engineering and Science (IDEAS) program, including funding for the non-quantitative social sciences.
6. Evaluate and codify the mechanisms for the formation, internal and external evaluation and continued operation of centers, programs, and departments across the University.