Foothill College
Program Review Committee (PRC)
Feedback Spring 2018

Thank you for your time and effort in completing the Comprehensive Program Review this year. We know it is a lot of work but we hope it has been helpful. Thank you for your ongoing efforts to improve on behalf of our students. The program review process allows others throughout the college to learn about your work and how it supports the college mission, educational master plan, and equity goals.

The Program Review Committee (PRC) recognizes your comprehensive program review was drafted in the Fall of 2017, prior to the College's pivot to a productivity model. Nevertheless, program viability and productivity are closely linked and the PRC did consider this a factor in the overall rating of your program.

The PRC read and discussed each Comprehensive Program Review during a series of meetings in Winter 2018. The committee's feedback is outlined below. Please note that PRC would be happy to meet with any department or program if there are any questions/concerns.

DEPARTMENT/PROGRAM: Nanotechnology

COMMENDATIONS & STRENGTHS:

- PRC commends the work done regarding outreach to different student populations over the years. The work has been reflective and thoughtful.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT:

- PRC has concerns about the lack of diversity in the program as a weakness but has not outlined actions that will be taken to improve it.
- PRC has concerns, as it did in the Spring 2015 review, that "**the program is serving a very small group of students and thus may not be viable**."
- PRC has concerns that the resource requests are not closely linked to goals and objectives to increase enrollment.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- PRC recommends the department develop a remediation plan that outlines department goals and specific steps that will be taken to improve equity, enrollment and productivity and the resources needed to achieve those

goals. The plan should explicitly identify goals, responsible individuals, benchmarks and timelines. The plan should be submitted to the Dean and PRC by Fall 2018.

- While there may be a place for the courses in physics or engineering, PRC's assessment is that the degree programs are not currently viable.

FINAL RATING: Red