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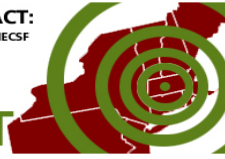
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Collectively Developing a Framework for Sustainability Program External Reviews

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Focus Question

Should NECSC develop a high-level, flexible framework for conducting an external sustainability program review?

AGENDA

- Overview
- The Academic Model and Case Studies
- Discussion – benefits and challenges
- Focused questions
- Next steps and signup

Academic Department External Review Process

- Usually occur on 5-10 year cycle
- Process:
 - Department's Self-Study
 - External Review Committee visit
 - External Review Committee Report
 - Department Action Plan developed



Case Study: Princeton University



Case Study: UMass Amherst



Focus Questions

What are the main benefits of having a framework for an external review process?

What are the main obstacles and challenges?

What's Next?

- Gather group willing to start drafting a framework
- Maybe a second group willing to act as reviewers and commenters
- Goal: produce draft by next fall for NECSC consideration
- If successful, launch at next spring's NECSC conference



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