Academic Program Review
Review Summary for Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

(1) Review Details

Unit Reviewed:	***Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy***
Programs Reviewed:	*Master of Public Administration* *Online Master of Public Administration* *Master of Public Policy* *Joint Master of Governance and Entrepreneurship in Northern and Indigenous Areas* *PhD in Public Policy* *Public Administration Certificate* *Online Public Administration Certificate* *Indigenous Nation-Building Certificate* *Social Economy, Co-operatives, and Non-Profit Sector Certificate* *Public Policy Research Certificate*
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Date and Type of Review:	***April 28 – 29, 2026 (University of Regina On Site Review)*** ***April 29 – May 1, 2026 (University of Saskatchewan On Site Review)***

(2) Stakeholder Participation

The Review Team consulted with many stakeholders as part of the review, including having in-person meetings with the following personnel:

- Faculty
- Emeriti
- Executives in Residence

- Sessional Lecturers
- Graduate students
- Administrative support staff
- Alumni
- School/College leadership (Johnson Shoyama Graduate School, College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies)
- Deputy Provost, Provost and VP Academic, and VP Research (all at University of Saskatchewan)
- Provost, President (all at University of Regina)

(3) Summary of Findings

The Review Team's External Review Report included a number of findings and observations for consideration. Recommendations were primarily in the areas of (sorted alphabetically):

- Academic and/or administrative processes
- Academic unit structure, governance, leadership searches
- Course design and sequencing
- Curriculum design and/or review
- Faculty succession and renewal
- Program time to completion
- Student representation
- Student funding
- Student recruitment
- Student supervision/oversight

(4) Implementation of Enhancements, Monitoring and Date of Next Review

The Executive Director at University of Saskatchewan and counterpart Director at University of Regina are responsible for building an action plan and the implementation of any recommendations in the External Review Report which were supported and/or agreed with in terms of the response from the academic unit. The Executive Director is expected to provide a progress update to the Office of the Provost and VP Academic within 2 years of the completion of the review, which in this instance, is June 2028.

The next review of the School and its programs will be initiated no later than the 2035/36 academic year.

(5) Distribution

Updates on the status of this review, including implementation progress in the years following review completion, will be provided to the Academic Programs Committee.

The Self-Study Report, External Review Report, and the Academic Unit Response, are all shared with the following stakeholders: School leader, Dean of College of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Teaching Innovation and Strategic Initiatives, and the Deputy Provost.

Inquiries into further details about the process and outcomes of this review can be submitted to the Assessment and Analytics Team within the Office of the Provost and Vice-President Academic.