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Kyle L Riley* (Kyle.Riley@sdsmt.edu), Dept. of Math & Computer Science, SDSM&T, 501 East Saint Joseph Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. *The Role of External Consultants as Part of a Departmental Self Study.*

The MAA Guidelines for Programs and Departments in the Undergraduate Mathematical Sciences recommends that departments conduct regular reviews. Moreover, the guidelines indicate these reviews should enlist external consultants from the mathematics profession. This talk will seek to outline strategies that will enhance the role of the consultant in the self-study process and suggest general indicators that a consultant should look for at the initial stages of the process. (Received August 06, 2008)