Definition of an academic unit:

An academic unit is a unit whose primary mission is teaching and/or research related to a nationally recognized academic discipline [identified with Classification of Instructional Program Codes (CIP)] or reflects research in a nationally recognized field. Features of an academic unit include:

- It has a dean, chair, head, or director who manages academic/instructional/curriculum elements and responsibilities; and
- It is affiliated with academic faculty; and
- It participates in ongoing assessment activities and annual assessment reporting.