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- Joint Review of the Institute for Advanced Materials, Devices and Nanotechnology and Laboratory for Surface Modification
- Modern Languages and Literature Cluster Review
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- Rutgers Center for Cognitive Science Review
- Department of Physics and Astronomy Review
  The review included the department, the affiliated centers and institutes (The New High Energy Theory Center, the Laboratory for Surface Modification, the Center for Materials Theory, Rutgers Center for Emergent Materials, and the Institute for Advanced Materials, Devices and Nanotechnology), and the graduate program.