Academic Planning Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 4:00 p.m.  
Foundation Conference Room 1510, Ullsvik

☑ Dan Avenarius (Academic Staff Rep)  ☑ Annie Kinwa-Muzinga (BILSA, 2017)  
☑ Ray Spoto (LAE, UABC Rep, 2015)  ☑ Jeff Huebschman (BILSA, 2016)  
☑ Igor Stanojev (EMS, UUCC Rep, 2016)  ☑ Travis Nelson (LAE, 2017)  
☑ Jason Thrun (At-large, 2015)  ☑ Tom Scanlan (EMS, AITC Rep, 2017)  
☑ Irfan Ul Haq (At-Large, Faculty Senate Rep, 2017)  

Additional Members to Complete Committee of the Whole  
☑ Todd Carothers (BILSA 2014)  ☑ Mark Evenson (LAE, 2014)  
☑ Lisa Riedle (EMS, 2014)  ☑ James Hibbard (KLIB Rep)  

Non-Voting Members  
☑ Dominic Barraclough (Provost’s Rep)  ☑ Mallory Jasicki (Student Rep)  
☑ Lisa Merkes-Kress (Recording Secretary)  
Quorum - Minimum number of 5 voting members  

Guests:  
☑ Robert Flum  
Mittie Nimmocks, Den Herder, Mike Compton, Amanda Tucker, Shane Drefcinski, Joan Riedle, Laura Anderson, Tyler Edge, April White Feiden, Robert Feiden, Kory Wein, James Romesburg, Edina Haslauer, Chris Schulenburg, Madelon Kohler-Busch, Marianne Choquet, Denise Osborne, Cara Savage

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<td>Call to Order (T. Carothers)</td>
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| II | Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2014, January 12, 2015, January 28, 2015, February 2, 2015  
Scanlan moved to approve all minutes seconded by Avenarius. Minutes approved. |

III Unfinished Business

A. Budget Reduction Items  
Purpose: Develop recommendations for program-based changes to be delivered to UABC. This discussion will be broken into the following areas with guest comments, council discussion, and motions (timeframes for each are listed in that order):  

Media Studies (5, 5, 5 minutes)  
- Media Studies (transition to the School of Business)  
- See attached PDF for information  

MOTION: Scanlan move to transfer media studies to School of Business, seconded by Thrun. Motion carried.  
Discussion ensued about the implications of the move.  

Mems/Nano (5, 5, 5 minutes)  
- Mems/Nano (continuation of the program)  
Guests shared thoughts on the impact this major has on students and the need for cross college support.  

MOTION: Scanlan moved to eliminate Mems/Nano major, seconded by Ul-Haq. With one abstention and one no, motion carried.  
Discussion ensued about the savings and equipment liquidation.
Low-Producing Programs (15, 30, 10 minutes)
Chair Carothers led the discussion around the circumstances that formed the need for review of low producing programs. This triggered discussion about the amount of administrative bloat, cutting at an administrative level vs. cutting programs, and actual cost savings of eliminating the programs. Some committee members shared concerns about not having enough information to make informed decisions.

- **Philosophy (potential low-producing program)**
  Drefcinski spoke on behalf of Philosophy see attached PDF Discussion ensued about his major being an essential part of our mission.

- **Foreign Language – French (potential low-producing program)**
  – added to agenda in error

- **Foreign Language – German (potential low-producing program)**
  Edina Haslauer spoke on behalf of German studies with the following points.
  - Students and parents are asking for retro credits.
  - Engineering students are taking these course and double majors is a benefit for recruitment.
  - Currently there are nine students in Germany.
  - Classes cannot have more than 18 students.
  - Growth is happening.

Mike Compton spoke on behalf of Environmental Horticulture and Reclamation, Environment & Conversation.

- **Environmental Horticulture (potential low-producing program)**
  Compton shared the following data:
  - Form A data is incorrect do not have 17 Faculty.
  - Recently had a name change to reach more students and increase enrollment.
  - 4000 used for supply money and only one FTE.
  - Receive many donations.
  - There is ¼ of million in the foundation that supports the academic mission.
  - Investment is small and graduated over 100 students.
  - Collaborates with other agribusiness programs and would not be much savings if greenhouse were closed.

Compton also reviewed the UW System language for low producing programs which states the following:
- Degree programs producing fewer than an average of five degrees a year over a given period and offered by 50 percent or more of the UW institutions and less than 25 graduates. This program is only offered at three universities.

- **Reclamation, Environment & Conservation (potential low-producing program)**
  - This is the only program of this type in the UW System and there are only four in the country and ties to the history of being a mining school.
  - Form A data is not correct.
  - Enrollment this spring is 43.
  - This program has great potential for growth.
  - There is only one .8 FTE.

A student in this program expressed his concerns and stated this fits in with sustainable business and conservation, and there are plenty of jobs available for students who graduate.

- **Computer Science (Joint International Masters) JIM (potential**
No one in attendance to speak on behalf of JIM.

- **Sustainable and Renewable Energy Systems (SRES)** (potential low-producing program)
  Compton and a student spoke briefly on behalf of SRES stating the importance of this program and it fitting into the green concept.
  - Collaborates with School of Agriculture
  - USDA’s 2015-projected growth for the green economy, show an increase of 400-500 billion.

- **Distance Education Leadership (MS)** (not achieving cost recovery)
  Dan Avenarius and others spoke on behalf of Distance Education Leadership with the following points:
  - Only in its second year and there is high expected growth for this program.
  - There was an expected cost recovery program plan of three years and then should be reviewed.

- **Counseling Psychology** (in process of being closed)

Considering the complexity of the programs and after frank and cordial exchange of views, discussion ensued about the programs and not having a lot of time to review the following action was taken:

**Motion**: Scanlan moved that we eliminate one position in Mems/Nano technology, seconded by Avenarius. After deliberation and upon being put to vote there were two ayes, six noes, and one abstention, motion was declared lost.

*After substantial discussion consuming much time and no action it was moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 p.m. A show of hands was taken with four ayes, five noes, and zero abstentions, motion was declared lost.*

**MOTION**: Avenarius moved to eliminate the Computer Science (Joint International Masters) JIM program, seconded by Scanlan. A show of hands was taken, resulting in two ayes, seven noes, and zero abstentions, motion was declared lost.

In summation of the committee's deliberations, the following action was taken:

**MOTION**: Huebschman moved to inform UABC that we investigated and hear from programs with low enrollments and low majors and if there are budget issues deans should work with department chairs to identify appropriate cuts, seconded by Scanlan.

Prior to considering the recommendation, some concerns shared about deans making decisions and forgoing APC’s governance role. A show of hands was taken, resulting in six ayes, three noes, and zero abstentions, motion carried.

Chair Carothers will draft a memo to UABC regarding the actions taken.

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