Minutes of the Academic Planning Council Meeting
September 14, 2005

Members present: Jason Thrun, Carol Sue Butts, Jean Scheppers, Carmen Faymonville, Amanda Trewin, Brian Peckham, Steve Kleisath, Jennifer Snoek-Brown.

Guests present: Shane Drefzinski, Hal Evenson, Mike Compton, Osama Jadaan.

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm.

II. Announcements:

A) Introduction of all members present.
B) Hand out of APC calendar of reviews.
C) Hand out of APC statement of purpose and duties
D) Hand out of Program Review Cycle, 2005-2006 dates. Announcement of need for coordinators for upcoming reviews. Peckham volunteers and is designated coordinator for the Social Science-Comprehensive review scheduled for 4-12-06
E) Drefzinski requests designation of APC representative to Academic Oversight Committee. Scheppers volunteers and is designated.

III. Program proposal from EMS that seeks an Entitlement to Plan a degree program in Microsystems and Nanotechnology (MS/NT). The proposal is 1) stimulated by the Tri-State Initiative, 2) based on a desire to prepare engineers for an area that is poised to move from research to market, and 3) interdisciplinary, including but not limited to the fields of engineering, biology, chemistry, physics, and material sciences.

Faymonville raises the question of a master’s level program. Jadaan responds that the necessary facilities for a master’s level program are cost prohibitive, competition at said level is sufficient, and UWP prefers to carve a new niche with the bachelor’s level program. Peckham asks for clarification of relationship between program and the market, for example how it may relate to outsourcing. Evenson responds that research levels in Nanotechnology are very high and in 5-6 years when it is a part of technology in use in engineering, our students will need this knowledge to be employable.
Motion by Peckham to approve proposal. Second by Faymonville. Approved.

IV. Mike Compton presented proposal to change title of existing minor, Horticulture, to coincide with title of existing major, Ornamental Horticulture. Motion by Kleisath to approve. Second by Faymonville. Approved.

V. Mike Compton presented proposal to change title of existing emphasis, Science and Technology, to Professional Landscape Management. Compton indicated that new title better describes coursework and will serve as a more effective marketing tool. Motion by Faymonville to approve. Second by Trewin. Approved.

VI. Election of Chair. Nominations opened.
   A) Faymonville nominated by Peckham. Declines nomination.
   B) Scheppers indicates she is willing to serve again as chair.

   Voice vote, approval of Scheppers as chair.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Scheppers