April 09, 1998

Attending: Mesut Muslu, John Simonson, Ray Spoto, Ralph Curtis (ex officio), Sue Riehl, Sharon Pink, Sue Price, Rob Calcaterra, Tamer Ceylan, Mittie Nimocks, John Krogman, Barbara Parsons.

Visitors: Bob Warfield, Joe Lomax, Peter Hadorn, Stephanie Branson, Tom Nordgren, Terri Burns, Dean Charlotte Stokes, Steve Becker, Charles Collins.

1. The meeting was convened at 4 p.m. by the Chair, Krogman.
2. Parsons accepted the duty of being secretary for the meeting.
3. There being no objection to his proposal, Krogman added to the agenda following "Other Announcements," "A Proposal for a 'Semester Program' for Nagasaki College of Foreign Languages."
4. The minutes of both the 3/12 and the 3/26 meetings were addressed.
   a. Parsons noted the need for correcting the line in the 3/12 minutes that says that "all students are required to take nine credits of history to meet general education requirements." In actuality students are required to take 3 to 6 credits in the category of 'historical perspective'. This correction being accepted, Spoto moved, Ceylan seconded the approval of the 3/12 minutes, and the motion passed.
   b. Regarding the 3/26 minutes, the following corrections were made in the next to last(major) paragraph: the word "indicted" was changed to "indicated"; the line "APC can help requirements for tenure" was struck; and following "a letter from/the/University RST Commission," the following words were inserted, "of 3/5/98 calling for a study of the results of the reorganization of the University." The corrections being accepted, Ceylan moved approval of the minutes, Simonson seconded that, and the motion carried.
5. Following the Chair's announcement that the 4/23 meeting will be given to reviewing the Ethnic Studies and Teacher Education programs, Charles Collins described the "Proposal for a Semester Program for Nagasaki College of Foreign Languages." The description essentially summarized the memo dated April 6, 1998 from Collins to various committees or commissions including the APC. Collins stressed that Nagasaki College has guaranteed that we will have a minimum number of 12 students each semester of the coming academic year. Addressing concerns that have been raised about the cost of the program, Collins affirmed that if we get only the minimum number of students, "we should come out O.K." He indicated, however, that the "hope" is that we get more than the minimum number of Japanese students and that, therefore, we may "make a good bit of money," which is one of the goals of instituting this program, the other goal being "to help internationalize the campus."

When Simonson asked why the courses for the program are not going to count for regular credit but only for credit back at Nagasaki College, Collins said that this was because the students were going to be having to study English as a second
language at the same time they are studying other things and that a course like that can't be at the level where language skill is (supposedly) not a problem.

Collins further noted that this program will be Platteville's first ESL one and that he will most likely be coming back to the APC in the fall semester "with a legitimate proposal." Collins added: "We think this program has great possibilities for the future."

Ceylan moved to accept the proposed program for the first semester of next year, Simonson seconded the motion, and it passed.

6. The Criminal Justice Self-Study report was addressed next. Sharon Pink, the liaison for this review, noted that overall Criminal Justice has "a very strong program." Particular note was made, however, of the difficulty posed for the department--with its over 360 majors--by the fact that its secretary also serves as the secretary for both Ethnic Studies and Counselor Education, which is a graduate program with well over a hundred students enrolled.

Clarifications were sought and received about the two bachelor's degrees offered by the department. In addition to the B.S. degree, for example, there are two B.A. degrees available depending on whether students elect to take either 6 credits in humanities beyond the general requirements or 6 further credits in a foreign language. The most recent major development in the department is its receiving permission to plan a Master of Science in Criminal Justice, a program, which, it was noted, may heavily involve "web-based teaching."

Simonson moved to accept the C.J. Self-Study Report, Spoto seconded the motion, and it passed.

7. The second and last Self-Study Report considered at the meeting was the one for English. Rob Calcaterra, liaison for this review, made comments summarizing major points found in the review; he also mentioned receiving a letter from Dean Stokes that, he said, highlighted the points that stand out in the report itself.

In the ensuing discussion, it was noted that besides serving students pursuing one of the four majors offered by the English program--i.e. Literature, Teaching, Professional Writing, and Teaching Writing--the English faculty also serve the needs of all the undergraduate students in their required composition courses. In addition, the same faculty teach courses through which students can fulfill their humanities requirement.

Simonson move to accept the English Self-Study Report, Nimocks seconded the motion, and it passed.

8. Steve Becker gave the Council an update on the proposed Master's degree in Project Management. The proposal, Becker said, was one that the University
Undergraduate Budget Commission saw "no particular problems with"; he also reported that the proposal has received the support of both the University Undergraduate Curriculum Commission and the Graduate Council. The latter did stress, however, Becker noted, that we needed to be sure to have at least the minimum number of 700 level courses required for a graduate program.

Spoto moved to accept this Master's degree in Project Management, Simonson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

9. A request was made to the APC to exclude from the "Four-Year Graduation Guaranty" Education Degrees in mathematics, general science, and chemistry or all programs leading to teacher certification.

Simonson moved and Ceylan seconded a motion to exclude from the four-year graduation guaranty all (undergraduate) programs leading to teacher certification. The motion passed.

10. At 5:05 p.m. Simonson moved to adjourn; Calcaterra seconded the motion; and, to no one's surprise, it passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Parsons

Secretary pro tem