October 22, 1998

Members Present: K. Buttry, C. Butts (provost), R. Calcaterra, T. Ceylan, M. Erdman, R. James, J. Krogman (chair), M. Mee (for S. Price), M. Nimocks, D. VanBuren

Guests: T. Caywood, C. Fuller, J. Lomax, C. Stokes

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.
2. Krogman noted that the audit and review schedule does not include the programs in speech, environmental engineering, or engineering physics. To correct this situation, he suggested inserting speech into the five year cycle during the 1998-1999 academic year and the latter two programs during the 1999-2000 academic year. In this way, speech will be reviewed concurrently with art and theatre while environmental engineering and engineering physics will be reviewed concurrently with all other engineering programs. These changes were approved by consensus.

3. A progress report on the development of graduate programs in criminal justice was presented to the council. The plan initially calls for the establishment of a fifteen credit sequence of five courses to be offered on the WWW. (The Graduate Council has approved the first two courses.) Students completing these courses would receive a graduate diploma in criminal justice. Once these courses are in place, the plan calls for the establishment of a master's degree in criminal justice with three emphases. One emphasis would rely on existing graduate courses in business, a second would rely on existing graduate courses in the social sciences, and the third would require the development of additional graduate courses in criminal justice.

The discussion turned to the staffing needs of the new program. It was stated that Ralph Curtis had said that no additional faculty positions were available for these programs. The current plan calls for implementing the new programs with the existing faculty in criminal justice. It was questioned whether this was realistic. Dr. Butts suggested that there is the possibility that surplus revenue generated by the program could be used to hire additional people.

Caywood reported that he had sent out surveys to about 1500 alumni who had completed a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He has received about 600 responses to these surveys. About 300 of them indicated support for the establishment of a graduate program in criminal justice. He has also sent surveys to approximately 1000 agencies statewide but has not yet had the opportunity to analyze the responses to the latter survey.

Concern was expressed that one of the proposed 700 level courses was essentially a remedial course in introductory statistics.

Mee moved to support the creation of a fifteen credit graduate diploma in criminal justice. The motion was seconded by Buttry and passed, with some dissention, on a voice vote.
Buttry moved to table any action on the master's degree proposals until they become available to the council on the forms required by UW System. The motion was seconded by Mee and passed on a voice vote.

4. Dr. Butts shared her ideas on filling vacant positions. The large number of retirements in the next decade or so will result in a large turnover in personnel at UW-P. Before hiring someone to fill a vacancy, she wants to analyze data to determine if the position is still needed in its current role or if that role has become obsolete or diminished in priority.

5. The meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Submitted by Robert Calcaterra