November 12, 1998

Members Present: Carol Sue Butts, Provost, John Simonson for Dave VanBuren, Mike Compton for Sue Price, Tamer Ceylan voting for Rob Calcaterra, Ray Spoto, Mittie Nimocks, Bob Fidrych, Marie Erdman, John Krogman, Ken Buttry

Visitors: Teri Burns

- Ken Buttry will serve as secretary
  1. Announcements- Engineering Physics and Environmental reviews by APC will occur with the other engineering programs. Master of Project Management program was approved by the Board of Regents at their meeting November 6 -- First new graduate program for UWP in 30+years.
  2. Minutes of the 10/8/98 and 10/22/98 meetings were approved as printed.
  3. Self Study Report Dates-John reminded those coordinators who do not have a date set for their assigned programs to try to do so as soon as possible. The agenda has a list of programs, coordinators and dates.
  4. Agenda items 5 and 6 were combined. Teri briefed the council on the proposals for a Certificate program in Ethnic Studies (15 credits) and for a Minor in Ethnic Studies (24 credits). We presently have certificate programs in Women's Studies and in Foreign Languages. Completion of the requirements for a Certificate is noted on a student's transcript. Tamer moved, seconded by John S. that both programs be approved. Question was asked concerning cost and availability of required courses for programs. Teri responded that enrollment figures for 97-98 academic year showed that 67 out of 382 seats in the courses remained open during the fall semester, 100 out of 490 during the spring semester. These enrollments should permit access to students wanting to complete the certificate or minor. If problem arise, seats will be reserved for these students. Thus no new costs should occur. Motion passed unanimously.
  - John read a charge to the APC from the Faculty Senate concerning recurring problems from Focus 2000. This had originated from the URST and dealt primarily with tenure in departments with dissimilar programs. Other problems such as curriculum, budget, salary/promotion, administrative structure, and governance were discussed. John will draft a letter to all faculty in an attempt to ascertain the magnitude of the problem. The draft will be e-mailed to the council for comments before sending to the faculty.
  - Meeting Adjourned 4.33 pm.

Submitted by Ken Buttry