March 25, 1999

Present: John Krogman (chair), Tamer Ceylan (ex officio but also substituting for Ken Buttry), Robert Calcaterra, Bob Fidrych, Rebecca James, Mittie Nimocks, Sue Price, Ray Spoto, David Van Buren

Visitors: Virgil Pufahl, Judy Paul, Charlotte Stokes, Joe Clifton, Jerry Strohm, John Simonson, Farhad Dehghan, Mohan Gill, Terry Liska

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. Dave Van Buren volunteered to take the minutes. The chair noted that we were scheduled to review the self-study reports from both Computer Science and Economics today, but he asked whether members of APC had had sufficient time to read the Economics report. Bob Fidrych moved, seconded by Ray Spoto, that review of the report from Economics be tabled until our April 8th meeting. The motion to table passed. John Krogman pointed out that the data sheet needs to be added to the Economic report and that we will also consider the results of the Economics faculty questionnaire when the self study report is reviewed on April 8.

I. Announcements

1. Tamer Ceylan will serve as a substitute for Ken Buttry today in addition to Tamer's usual ex officio role as the AITC representative.
2. At our April 8th meeting, we will take up the audit and review for Accounting and Economics. The Criminal Justice Department has also indicated that it would like to bring its Master's degree proposal back before APC at that time.
3. We should determine next year's schedule of meeting dates before the end of this semester.

II. Approval of the 11 March 1999 Minutes

John Krogman noted that the repeated mention of the "Technical Education Major" should be corrected to "Technology Education". With that correction, Sue Price moved and Dave Van Buren seconded that we approve the minutes of the March 11 meeting. The motion passed.

III. Review of the Self-Study Report from Computer Science

Sue Price as APC liaison to Computer Science introduced the report, commenting on the high quality of the report, the strengths of the program, and some of the areas of concern. Among concerns, she noted the large number of preparations per faculty member as well as the high costs needed to keep up with the rapid changes in technology. She noted that both the Communications Technology and Computer Science faculty were still adjusting to reorganization, which brought two expensive programs together into a single department. With two high cost programs now merged into one, finding adequate financial resources remains a problem. Virgil Pufahl discussed the process used in developing the self-study report, emphasizing the fact that the entire Computer Science
faculty was extensively involved in the process. Tamer Ceylan asked about the two degree tracks (BA and BS) available in Computer Science. Mohan Gill explained that although few students take the BA degree, this degree is also offered to students and requires 3 liberal arts courses beyond the normal general university requirements. Tamer also asked for additional information on how the program obtained feedback from students, alumni, employers, and others. Mohan Gill explained that there were both formal and informal procedures by which this was accomplished. To another question, Mohan Gill pointed out that the Computer Science Advisory Council has now been in existence for three years.

Ray Spoto asked about the 80% tenure density cited on the "Department Data Sheet." While 4 out of 5 positions currently occupied by faculty are tenured, Virgil Pufahl noted that this percentage is not accurate since two other positions were also approved as tenure-track/probationary faculty lines but were filled by academic staff. Sue Price commented on the very favorable feedback she has received from students taking the Computer Science 183 (Microcomputer Applications) class. She stated that even though this class requires the expenditure of considerable staffing resources, it provides an extremely valuable service to students from many different majors across the campus. In response to a question regarding the number of graduates in Computer Science cited on the "Department Data Sheet," it was noted that there were 27 graduates for the year.

It was moved by Tamer Ceylan, seconded by Ray Spoto, that APC accept the self-study report submitted by Computer Science. The motion passed.

Tamer Ceylan moved that we adjourn. The motion was seconded by Sue Price.

The motion passed. APC adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Van Buren

Secretary pro tempore