Minutes
Academic Planning Council
February 14, 2001

Members present: Stephanie Branson (Chair), Ken Buttry, Carol Sue Butts, Tamer Ceylan, Shane Drefcinski, Robert Fidrych, Barbara Parsons, Lynn Schlager, Marc Shelstrom, Jerome Wilson.


1. Announcements:
   b. UWS Women in Science Program's sponsored speaker this semester will be presented via compressed video on Friday, March 9, from 2:30 - 3:30, in Ottensman Hall, Rm 203. Louise Root Robbins, UWS Coordinator for Women's Issues, will speak about the UWS Status of Women Report.

2. Approval of the minutes of January 24th meeting: Because of the lengthy minutes, approval was postponed until next meeting.

3. Review of Geography/Geology: The self study summary was presented. Parsons moved and Shelstrom 2nd to receive the self study. Discussion included GIS as a budget need and the dramatically increased transportation costs as a budget problem. Vice provided some clarification about the geology minor. A need for additional faculty, in particular with reference to geology, was strongly expressed. Although a written statement of support by the Dean was not available, Dean Standiford expressed verbal support of the self study and will supply a written statement in due time. Parson's motion was approved unanimously.

4. Review of General Science Comprehensive: There was discussion about what comprises a decision making body when the program is simply "superimposed" on existing programs. Even without a committee, a vehicle for decision making was outlined and, at this time, believed to be adequate. Ceylan moved and Drefcinski 2nd to receive the self study. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. New Minor in ESL: Burns presented an Executive Summary in support of the new minor. There was some discussion about the impact on faculty positions. One position would need to be created. Documentation for the position request would be forthcoming from the Dean. Parsons moved and Ceylan 2nd to receive the proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Other: There was some discussion about how to handle the review work yet to be done this semester. Some unfinished reviews will be placed on the agenda for next time, while other reviews, requiring a more substantial decision making process, will be postponed until the final meeting of the semester.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome J. Wilson