Members present: Carol Sue Butts, Charles Cornett, Christina Curra, Mike Dalecki, Bernie Harris, Mark Meyers, Adam Stanley, Jason Thrun, and Kay Young

Guests present: Valerie Sielck, student and Timothy Zauche, instructor (for the tour)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Tour

Professor Timothy Zauche led the committee on a tour of the third floor of Ottensman Hall. He noted that there are about 130 Chemistry majors, with about 18 graduating each year. Further, Zauche explained, people hiring for positions in industry are especially interested in UWP’s chemistry graduates because their experience in the labs is very much “hands on”.

APC committee members were informed that there has been a significant increase in the cost of equipment (kits once costing about $200 are now nearly $500), but the supplies budget for the department has not risen in many years. Another significant problem is the high noise level of the HVAC system in the laboratories which is difficult for instructors to speak above. Upkeep on aging equipment is another critical issue for the department.

With the completion of the new engineering building, the Chemistry Department faculty hope to expand into the space on the second floor of Ottensman, but to do so would require significant renovations, and funding for that would not be available for several years, if then.

2. Announcements

Carol Sue Butts noted that we are to encourage participation in a production and discussion called Stop the Hate. The first in the series will be held in the Platteville East Room of the Pioneer Student Center on February 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Carol Sue also announced that UWP held a Chinese New Year celebration recently, and over 450 people attended. Though initially planned for students, the event was also attended by faculty and community persons who responded afterward, offering heartfelt thanks that the UWP community had shown an interest in learning about their culture.

3. Approval of minutes from the January 28th, 2009 meeting

Christina Curra moved to approve the minutes, Adam Stanley seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

4. Social and Environmental Justice minor proposal
Discussion followed on the items yet needed for the consideration of the possible new SEJ minor. Carol Sue mentioned that she would like to see more specifics addressed, along with more information about the resources and the budget. Charles Cornett noted that he wants to see objective measures.

5. Continuing Education Review

It was noted by Carol Sue that the APC review of the Continuing Education Review was well written, being a “great summation of Marian Maciej-Hiner’s report”. However Carol Sue would like to see the review to include more on how the APC responded to the review.

Discussion followed on how the APC should stress congratulations to Marian for how she runs the program without much funding.

Charles mentioned the Continuing Education staff may want to think about expanding promotion of their classes to the south and east, for example to the Warren Illinois area.

Mike Dalecki suggested that northeast Iowa might also be an area for them to target.

5. Budget

Questions were asked of Carol Sue about the UWP budget. She noted that there are 30 people or so on the campus committee, and they are still waiting to learn from the governor what will be expected of the campuses. Discussion followed.

6. Adjournment

Christina moved and Bernie Harris seconded the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Young