Minutes of the Academic Planning Council Meeting
April 25, 2009

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

Guests present: Tim Zauche, Mesut Meslu

I. Chair Mark Meyers called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. Announcements: From Carol Sue:

a. UWSP and some other comprehensives want to pursue doctorate degrees and have gotten permission to plan. UWP declined to be part of this.

b. Due to the budget cut, UW System is putting pressure on campuses to review programs with fewer than 30 graduates in the past 10 years. System will also be reviewing majors duplicated across the system, including the number of students in the majors and graduating from the majors.

III. Mike Dalecki made motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on 3-11-09. Chuck Cornett seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

IV. New Business – Chemistry Review:

a. Highlights of the program summary presented by Tim Zauche include:
   The UWP Chemistry program is one of the largest in the UW and nationally, with approximately 135 majors (doubled since 2002). The program also has about 100% placement of students seeking employment. Faculty members are very involved in research, professional development, and service to campus and community. The primary curriculum goal is to maintain ACS accreditation, and to that end changes were made to the program. Changes include increasing the math requirements and increasing assessment of the student learning outcomes. The Chemistry program has maintained its accreditation, and Biochemistry is now accredited. Most of the challenges faced by the Chemistry program are related to budgetary issues: recruiting and retaining faculty with no startup packages, acquiring and maintaining equipment, keeping lab sizes to safe levels, funding sabbaticals, and the flatlined supply budget. The Chemistry program is also working on testing and refining their assessment tools.

b. Questions from the APC:
   How is communication assessed? Through the co-op survey, and by passing the senior seminar course (oral communication) and other courses (written communication).
c. Mike Dalecki made a motion to continue the Chemistry program, with the recommendation that they work with Kathy Riedl-Ferry and Rob Cramer to figure out how to assign special course fees. John Tembei seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

d. The APC commends the Chemistry program for doing a great job with limited resources.

V. Old Business:
4a. The Communications Technology Program Review summary was approved with editorial fixes.

4b. Sustainable & Renewable Energy Systems Entitlement Plan:
   - The Implementation Plan needs to find ways to fill faculty positions
   - Impacted programs should be indicated in the review
   - Christina Curras made a motion to support the Request for Entitlement. Adam Stanley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VI. Other:
   - Adam Stanly brought forth a concern from Nancy Turner, Director of the Honors Program, that the program was being shelved without faculty oversight. The committee recommended that she bring her program to APC for review.
   - Next year’s calendar will be worked on at the next meeting.

VII. The Industrial Technology program will be presenting at the April 8 meeting.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Curras