ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL—MINUTES—8 APRIL 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: CAROL SUE BUTTS (PROVOST), KAY YOUNG, MARK MYERS (APC CHAIR), CHRISTINA CURRAS, CHARLES CORNETT, JOHN TEMBEI, JASON THRUN AND BERNIE HARRIS

GUESTS: DUANE FORD (BILSA DEAN), ERIC RIMEL, LYN BOUCK, DAVID HEIMERDINGER AND MARK ALBERS

Chairperson Myers called the meeting to order at 4:07 P.M.

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS—Chairperson Myers gave a rundown of next year’s APC schedule:

   Reclamation—10 February

   Chancellor’s Plan—24 February

   Business Administration—10 March

   Animal Science—14 April

   Summary—will be discussed and finalized at a later date.

2. Tembei moved to approve the APC 25 March 2009 minutes; Cornett seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

3. Cornett introduced Heimerdinger who would present the APC Self Study report for the Department of Industrial Studies.

   The Highlights of Heimerdinger’s keenly executed presentation follows:

   • The mission of the department is to offer academic and laboratory instruction to support the needs and enhance the experiences of their majors and minors.

   • The goals of the department surround excellence in teaching, involvement in scholarly and professional activity, participation in university governance and active involvement in community service.

   • The National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) granted the Department of Industrial Studies a six year re-accreditation on 18 November 2008.

   • The department’s assessment tools include supervisor evaluations of intern performance, exit surveys, alumni surveys and gauging effectiveness on graduate job placement rates—reported to be NEARLY 100%.

   • Department faculty is active on committees inside and outside of the University and has been recipients of awards peculiar to their field.

   • Overall, student enrollment is increasing; however, the numbers show a drop in freshman matriculation in fall 2008.
• The department hosts six student organizations on campus—the newest is Women in Industrial Technology (WIIT).
• Ten full time faculty, one instructional academic staff and one lab manager—NAIT request—comprise the department’s personnel.
• Class sizes are limited due to space restrictions, equipment availabilities and safety issues.
• It was reported that approximately 2/3 of the Description Item Narrative (DIN) allocation is used for computer related expenses.
• Department strengths are dedicated faculty, unique programs, laboratory equipment and the staff’s industry, field experiences.
• Problem areas outlined were equipment needing updating, recruiting women students and faculty—the new hire starting in fall ’09 is female—and a lack of sufficient laboratory space.
• A shift in the department’s focus is in the works—moving from residential to commercial construction management.
• The department is involved with an innovative high school recruiting technique—a working, traveling technology lab. The lab and the visits are funded by an opportunity grant.

Provost Butts complimented Heimerdinger for his excellent report. Furthermore, she spoke to the female recruiting issue—identified as a problem area for Industrial Studies—by reporting that the student pool is diminishing. It will be a challenge attracting high school students—especially females—to UWP.

Bouk responded by relaying that WIIT has—and will—developed recruiting materials targeting females and influencing them to studying industrial technology areas.

Cornett moved, Curras seconded a motion to continue the Industrial Studies program.

4. Discussion turned to shortening—by 1/3—the APC Review of the Chemistry Program. Young offered to work on editing and shortening it.
5. Cornett posed one, final question—which he felt could be more correctly directed to the University Budget Committee—about DIN funding. He wondered why caps are placed on laboratory modification, because needs are greater than the $100,000 DIN amount. Provost Butts stated that there simply isn’t enough DIN money; you can’t spend what you don’t have.
6. Meeting adjourned at 4:54 P.M.

Submitted—for APC approval—by Bernie Harris