Minutes of the Academic Planning Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 23, 2009
1510 Ullsvik Hall

Members present: Laura Anderson, Chuck Cornett, Duane Ford, Bernie Harris, Colleen McCabe, Adam Stanley, John Tembei, Jason Thrun, and Kay Young

Guests present: Rob Cramer and Cathy Riedl-Farrey

Chuck Cornett filled in for Mark Meyers and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Announcements

None

2. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 22, 2009 meeting were approved with the correction: “following the program representative’s chair’s summary presentation.” The minutes of September 9 were approved as distributed.

3. New Business

Budget and Position Control

Cathy Riedl-Farrey and Rob Cramer presented the current budget and position control numbers to the Committee. State funding continues to decline as a percentage of UW-Platteville’s total budget. The presentation outlined specific means in which UW-Platteville met budget reductions for the current year. The current forecast for the next biennium (2011-13) projects a sizeable, continued structural deficit. We should be to think of ways to save money for what looks to be another difficult budget.

Review of Minors, Concentrations, and Emphases

After vigorous discussion, the committee decided that the current model of reviewing these as each major enters an APC review is sufficient for now. Provost Ford distributed a handout describing the UW System policy on Suspended Programs.

Suspension of Business Comprehensive Major

There was a discussion of the de facto suspension of the Business Comprehensive major. In suspending the Economics major and removing courses from the schedule, it appears as though it is no longer possible to complete the Business Comprehensive major. Review of minutes and documents from the 2008-9 meeting indicate that this issue was not directly addressed. Laura Anderson volunteered to bring this up with Dean Nimocks and inform the committee of the discussion results and a suggested action.
Inclusive Excellence

Provost Ford emphasized the as departments are reviewed as part of their APC cycle, the APC should examine and discuss the department’s diversity plans and how the unit is implementing their plan. Attention should be given to various aspects of the plan including composition, climate and culture, and equity in outcomes.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Chuck Cornett
Recording Secretary for September 23, 2009

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