ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2009

Members Present: Mark Meyers, Colleen McCabe, Laura Anderson, John Tembei, Chuck Cornett, Jason Thrun, Kay Young and Bernie Harris

Guest Self-Study Report Presenter: Tom Caywood

- ANNOUNCEMENTS—no announcements were made upon the meeting being called to order—by Chairperson Meyers at 4:04 P.M.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES—Discussion centered on an issue initially identified in previously approved APC minutes dated 22 April 2009—which reads, “The program chair makes a brief summary presentation. ..”. The 23 September 2009 APC minutes reflect a procedure change striking chair from the document and replacing it with program representative. Cornett reported—on Stanley’s behalf—that the change—even though reflected in APC minutes—was not reflected in the APC SELF-STUDY REPORT PROCEDURES document. Chairperson Meyers—as a point of business—offered to make the correction in the PROCEDURES document.

McCabe moved, Tembei seconded, to approve APC Minutes dated 23 September 2009. Motion passed.

- PRESENTATION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BS) SELF-STUDY—Tom Caywood—program chair and presenter—relayed the following salient points from the Criminal Justice Self-Study written report:
  ✓ The Criminal Justice Department currently houses 550 majors seeking either Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees.
  ✓ The Bachelor of Arts takes a Humanities or Foreign Language theme, whereas the Bachelor of Science adopts a hands-on approach.
  ✓ The Criminal Justice Department contributes Introduction to Criminal Justice and Women and the Law to the University’s General Education Program in Social Sciences and Gender Studies.
  ✓ Emphases within the Criminal Justice Major include Law Enforcement—under which the majority of CJ majors are enrolled, Corrections and Forensics Investigations.
  ✓ The Criminal Justice Department shares collaborations with the Department of Chemistry and Engineering Physics—as well as Biology—in preparing students to become crime laboratory analysts.
  ✓ The Criminal Justice Department—furthermore—cooperates with the Psychology and Counselor Education departments so that interested students may obtain certifications in social work and/or AODA (alcohol and other drug abuse).
Professor Caywood reported that the Criminal Justice Department currently employs ten full-time faculty, are allotted eight tenure track positions and that they are short two and six tenths positions.

After the above data were reported, a discussion ensued concerning the extreme difficulty that the Criminal Justice Department has with filling positions, because—it is surmised—the University of Wisconsin-Platteville is not competitive with salary offers. Several other APC members echoed the sentiment. Apparently, the problem is campus wide.

It was next reported that the Criminal Justice Department has received permission to begin developing a new major in Forensics Investigation.

The Criminal Justice Department offers both inside and outside crime scene investigation labs. In fact, Building Construction Management students are currently constructing a house—on the University Farm grounds—that will be used for crime scene investigation hands-on projects and assignments.

Professor Caywood outlined the department’s writing proficiency requirement. Criminal Justice majors are required to pass the examination before they are able to take upper division criminal justice classes or perform an internship.

Cornett moved, Harris seconded, that the APC recommend the Criminal Justice Program should continue. Motion Passed.

• Chairperson Meyers distributed his draft of the Criminal Justice Review. After a short discussion, it was thought that something should be mentioned about recruiting challenges Criminal Justice faces caused by low salary offers, the hands-on opportunities offered to criminal justice students and the strong commitment that criminal justice alumni have to the Criminal Justice Department—and to the state. Chairperson Meyers asked that any APC member having a comment about the Review should get back to him.

• It was decided to move the discussion about suspending the Business & Economics Comprehensive major to the APC’s next meeting. This will give the APC a chance to invite Dean Nimmocks to be a part of the discourse.

• The APC revisited the mind set of reviewing low enrollment majors, minors and programs as each one rotates into the APC Self-Study schedule. Concern was expressed—by Cornett—that perhaps a resolution or statement should be developed stating the notion.

• The next APC meeting—28 October 2009—has no Self-Study on the agenda. Therefore, it should be used to finish business.

Tembei moved to adjourn at 4:48 P.M.

Submitted by Bernie Harris—22 October 2009