Members present: Chuck Cornett, Dawn Drake, Cori Enright, Kris Mahoney, Abulkhair Masoom, Colleen McCabe, Adam Stanley, Jason Thrun, Kay Young

Guests: David Heimerdinger, Frank Steck

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

Cornett moved to amend the meeting agenda to include “International Studies Review” under new business. Masoom seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes
Mahoney moved to approve the minutes from Oct. 13. Enright seconded. Motion passed.

New Business
Technology Education Review
On behalf of the committee, Thrun thanked Steck for his work on the report. Discussion of the Tech Ed program between the committee and Tech Ed representatives went in several directions, including:

a. whether Tech Ed should continue to have a separate review, or instead be part of the Industrial Studies program review
b. given the shortage of faculty for Tech Ed courses, whether branching into Distance Education is a prudent idea
c. whether the program can be modified to prepare students more for high-end manufacturing jobs
d. the lack of funding for Tech Ed

The committee expressed some reservations and concerns about the state of the program overall. Many school districts are cutting programs for which Tech Ed graduates are trained, which might lead to an inability for our graduates to find jobs in the field. Additionally, there was a question as to whether the declining numbers of Tech Ed majors over the past few years was an anomaly, or whether demand for the major would continue to fall in the future, especially if school districts continue to cut programs related to Tech Ed.

On that basis, the committee discussed the possibility of having the program return to APC for an update prior to the next scheduled review in six years. Mahoney moved that Tech Ed return to APC in academic year 2012-2013 for a follow-up on the status of the program. McCabe seconded. Motion passed.

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Cornett advised the committee that there will likely be materials to review for this program in advance of the November 10 meeting.
International Studies Review
On behalf of the Department of Social Sciences, Stanley requested that the International Studies review by APC be postponed until academic year 2011-2012, due to the fact that Susan Morris, the only International Studies faculty member at UW-Platteville since 2006, left the university at the end of the 2010 spring semester. Drake moved to postpone the review until 2011-2012, seconded by Masoom. Motion passed.

Old Business
AiTC representative
Stanley moved that Drake be appointed as the AiTC representative. Seconded by Cornett. Motion passed.

UBC representative
Cornett agreed to serve as UBC representative.

Guidelines for Future Role of APC
Mahoney moved to table this discussion until the next meeting, seconded by Stanley. Motion passed.

University Budget and Position Control
Information has been forwarded to the entire committee regarding the content of the budget presentation provided at the Oct. 13 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Stanley