Academic Planning Council Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Members present: Mark Meyers, Chuck Cornett, Dawn Drake, Duane Ford, Bernie Harris, Colleen McCabe, Adam Stanley, John Tembei, Jason Thrun, Kay Young

Guests: Susan Hansen, Steve Kleisath, Roxane Gunser, Aric Dutelle

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

Approval of Minutes

Dawn Drake moved and Bernie Harris seconded to approve the minutes from January 27, 2010. Motion carried.

New Business

Reclamation, Environment and Conservation (REC) Program Review:

Tom Hunt reported on the state of the Reclamation, Environment and Conservation (REC) Program in the School of Agriculture. He started with defining the National Academy of Science Reclamation Program and talked about the Act that established the program. Tom emphasized on the important mission of the program to promote environmental awareness and its actions through interdisciplinary instruction and outreach. He also indicated that from the first graduate in the program at UW-Platteville in 1979, the program has seen growth in the number of students and its focus on application and pragmatic learning experiences through experiential learning in the field. He recounted that the tri-state initiative has helped very much with the program growth in student numbers. Tom indicated that graduates from the program enjoy very high placement in the REC industry sector.

Following the presentation, Tom emphasized that as per the program’s interdisciplinary curriculum, he continues to work with faculty from other disciplines (e.g. the History, Biology & Geography Departments). He also emphasized the need to recruit more students into the program, the need for another faculty to teach plant ID courses as reviews from internship supervisors indicate the need for increased plant ID knowledge in potential employees who graduate from the program. Tom plans to and wishes to add a Reclamation Minor to the program. The Reclamation Council determines the curriculum for the program.

Jason Thrun moved and Colleen McCabe seconded the motion to continue the Reclamation, Environment and Conservation (REC) Program. Motion carried.
Master of Science Degree:

Steve Kleisath reported on the state of the proposed Master of Science Degree (Organizational Change Management & Integrated Supply Chain Management). He indicated that these online degree programs were very important in the ever evolving business world. He said there was need for these programs especially since some of them are not available anywhere for students who want to enroll in such programs.

Susan reported that there are only two Master of Science Degree programs in Distance Education Leadership in North America (one in Canada and one in the USA). She also said that excess funds recovered from the program will be set aside for course development.

Following the presentation as per questions posed by members of the committee with regards to staffing and costs, Steve indicated that faculty will teach courses in these programs as overloads or adjunct faculty will be hired based on the number of students enrolled in the programs. Steve also quickly added that this will be a cost recovery program as such would not be expending state dollars. When asked about the fact that there is not yet a curriculum and whether there may be some course overlaps, Steve answered that there may be a few but not many overlaps. Also, committee concerns about the fact that there could be a problem because the programs have not yet had accreditation and may result in no enrollment of students, Dawn Drake answered that there will be no problem.

Bernie Harris moved and Adam Stanley seconded the motion to move the program forward. Motion carried.

Old Business

2nd Reading for the Forensic Investigation Program:

Aric Dutelle from the Criminal Justice Department reported on questions asked during the first reading for the Forensic Investigation Program presentation. After answering those questions and presenting data to substantiate the program:

Dawn Drake moved and Bernie Harris seconded a motion to approve moving the Forensic Investigation Program forward contingent upon the resource issues (supporting courses and library resources) associated with the major being resolved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by:
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