Members Present: Bernie Harris, Mark Meyers, Chuck Cornett, Jason Thrun, Laura Anderson, Adam Stanley, Judy Wurtzler (for Kay Young), John Tembei, Duane Ford, Colleen McCabe, Dawn Drake.

Guests Present: Mike Mee, Mike Compton, Tera Montgomery, Sue Price, Denise McNamara.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Adam Stanley and second by John Tembei to approve the minutes from March 24th and April 14th. Motion carried.

Animal Science Review: Mike Mee presented the information about the animal science major. The following are highlights from the presentation:

--The goals of the program were reviewed, including the plans associated with reaching the goals.

--A brief summary of some of the relationships and cooperative projects that the group works on with UW-Madison and UW-River Falls was presented.

--The assessment tools for the major and results from some of the surveys were presented. For the most part, there was very positive feedback from both current students and alumni on these surveys. In areas which had some less positive responses, the faculty reviewed the results to determine what could be done differently in the future. There have been four classes added as one result of feedback on the assessments. There have also been new forms of communication and advising training that have been incorporated, based on the feedback.

--Class enrollments and other student data were presented. There has been an 83% increase in number of animal science majors over the past 4 years. It was noted that very few minors were reported (less than 10), which does not seem to agree with department identified minors.

--The program requirements were presented, including issues with increase in offering of classes, based on the increase in majors. Currently an internship is not required, due to staffing, but it is recognized by both students and alumni as an important attribute of the program.

--Information about the various clubs, competitions, and service learning projects that animal science majors participate in was shared. The major has a very positive history with winning national competitions and having students engaged in multiple activities.

--The major strengths of the program include the dedicated faculty, student activities, updated curriculum, professional development of faculty, and service and outreach to a wide variety of constituents.

--The major concerns associated with the program include: lack of staffing, classroom space, supplies/lab equipment, capital expenditures, and inability to offer classes often enough to serve
the student growth that has occurred in the major. Several examples of supply and capital needs of the group were identified.

--The final portion of the presentation reflected the future plans for the major.

Duane asked a question regarding what type of assessment the group does in the major to assess accomplishments/access for students of color and white students. This is not something that is currently done, but the group will review to determine how this information might be collected in the future.

Mike Compton then indicated that it is somewhat problematic to break out individual majors within the School of Agriculture to review because this is only a snapshot of the resource issues. These issues are compounded by the other majors in Agriculture that must share supplies, classrooms, and equipment. He asked that the APC identify how this type of information could be included in future reviews.

A motion was made by Adam Stanley and seconded by Jason Thrun to approve the Animal Science program for continuation. Motion passed. A motion was made by Colleen McCabe and seconded by Bernie Harris to approve the APC summary for the Animal Science major. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Adam Stanley and seconded by Bernie Harris to approve the Business Administration program for continuation. Motion passed. A motion was made by Jason Thrun and seconded by John Tembei to approve the APC summary for the Business Administration major. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Laura Anderson and seconded by Dawn Drake to approve the MS Criminal Justice program for continuation. Motion passed. A motion was made by Chuck Cornett and seconded by Colleen McCabe to approve the APC summary for the MS Criminal Justice major. Motion passed.

A discussion of the Women’s Studies program ensued. Since the group does not yet have the faculty responses to the self-study, it was determined that Mark Meyers should get this information and then send an e-mail to the committee to conduct an e-mail vote on continuation of the program. It was recommended the word department should be removed and replaced with the word program from the last paragraph of the APC summary.

A motion was made by Chuck Cornett and seconded by Adam Stanley to approve the requested name change of the Women’s Studies program to Women’s and Gender Studies program. Motion passed.

As a wrap-up to the meeting, Dawn Drake asked if the APC should be making some type of statement to address the ongoing resource allocation issues that have come up at the majority of program reviews this year. It was questioned if this concern should be added to the recommendations for each program, in addition to the comment about seeking funding from the UW-Platteville Foundation and through grant programs. After discussion, it was decided that this issue should be addressed in the overall report from the APC to the Faculty Senate.

Chuck Cornett volunteered to draft a list of overall recommendations that APC will submit to the Faculty Senate beyond the program review summary. Some of the items that were suggested to be included in this report are:
--Develop a template for what should be presented by programs at the APC meeting.

--Identify information that should be submitted for programs that are impacted by other programs (i.e. reviewing one major in Ag., but give info. about how the other majors in the School of Ag. Impact that major)

--Identify how programs offered at a distance will be reviewed with the on-campus majors.

--How should external funding and TSI funding be used to support programs.

--Overall resource issues and the ongoing growth initiatives.

If you have other items that Chuck should include in the summary, let him know ASAP. Chuck will send out a draft for the committee to review.

It was asked if the departments who are scheduled to be reviewed next year have been contacted. Mark indicated that it was difficult to determine who the appropriate people are to contact for these majors. The following list was made:

Teacher Education—Gwen Coe
International Studies—Open
Soil and Crop Science—Chris Baxter
Technical Education—Frank Steck
Physical Education—Colleen McCabe
Accounting—Steve Kleisath
Political Science—John Rink
Ethnic Studies—Carl Allsup
Performing and Visual Arts—Anne Farley
MSE—Teacher Education—New School of Education Director

Mark passed out the summary of programs that were reviewed by APC in 2009-10.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Dawn Drake