Minutes of the Academic Planning Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Members present: Carol Sue Butts, Christina Curra, Tim Deis, Bernie Harris, Mark Meyers, Brian Peckham, Jennifer Snoek-Brown, Amanda Trewin (chair), Sheryl Wills

Guest present: Barb Barnet, Rob Calcaterra, Mu-Ling Chang, Ben Collins, Miyeon Kwon, Julie McDonald, Jason Thrun, James Swenson, Zia Uddin

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

II. The minutes of the May 9th, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

III. The minutes of the September 12th, 2007 meeting were approved with the change of date on the minutes from September 13th to September 12th.

IV. Announcements

Amanda Trewin announced that the Academic Staff position on the committee will be filled by Fahmida Masoom.

Provost Butts reported that the Chancellor will be sending a letter to the faculty discussing the state budget issue. Possible options that may be taken by the UWP campus is reducing the number of classes offered in the Spring of 2008 and limiting enrollment in the Fall of 2008.

Jennifer Snoek-Brown asked that the APC web page be updated on the campus website.

V. Old Business
The APC 2007-2008 schedule was finalized when Bernie Harris volunteered to serve as the APC coordinator for the March 26th review of the Agriculture Education program.

VI. New Business
Mathematics Program Review:
Sheryl Wills reviewed the Mathematics program for the committee. The report discussed the changes in the department’s assessment plan on the program and general educations courses from the past APC report. She discussed the strengths of the department which included committed faculty, diverse curriculum and outreach programs that are offered. She emphasized the cohesiveness of the department. She also presented the challenges that are facing the program. The challenges include hiring faculty in statistics and math education, lack of office.
space, the movement of the SWTC staff away from the department, salaries of the faculty and academic staff, the budget of the department (This included the funding of work visas for faculty. Six years ago the work visa cost $185.00 today it costs $850.00), the lack of classroom space (the department will need 15 classrooms when the target student population of 8000 are met on campus) and insufficient administrative support for the department chair.

Brian Peckham asked that Sheryl Wills prioritize the list of challenges. She indicated that the lack of administrative support would be first and then resources of the department would be second. These resources would include budget, space, time and money.

Christina Curras indicated that she received faculty responses that indicated they were hesitant to respond to the self study for fear of being identified.

Brian Peckham moved that the APC strongly endorse the Mathematics department and support the needs of the department and emphasize that resources should be given to find administrative support for the department.

Jennifer Snoek-Brown amended the motion by commending the mathematics department on doing a fine job especially with the resources that are given them and with the large number of students that they work with on campus.

Christina Curras seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

VII. Other
It was noted that the Geography program review was moved to December 12th 2007.
The agenda for the next meeting of the APC will focus on reviewing the procedures of the program evaluation process.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Timothy Deis