University of Wisconsin-Platteville

ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL

Proceedings

Meeting of 12 December 2007

Members Present: Vice Chancellor Butts; Professors Curra, Deis, Harris, Meyers, Peckham, Trewin (Chair), and Wills

Guests Present: Professor Paula Nelson (Chair, Dept. of Social Sciences) and Professor J. Elmo Rawling (Director, Geography Program, Dept. of Social Sciences)

Professor Trewin, Chair, convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. in the Council’s chambers in Brigham Hall.

After agreeing to corrections suggested by Professor Wills, members approved the minutes of the last meeting.

The chair then recognized Professor J. Elmo Rawling, Director of the Geography Program, Department of Social Sciences, who presented a summary of the self-study report on that program that he and his colleagues had prepared. Professor Rawling’s able and instructive survey of the resources on campus for studies in geography elicited several questions relating to, among other matters, procedures for assessment, faculty turnover rates, revisions in the curriculum, and space in Boebel Hall for laboratories. The very favorable impression created among A.P.C. members by both his response to these questions and his original presentation led in short order to unanimous approval of a motion by Professor Curra (seconded by Professor Harris) that confirmed the Council’s support of a recommendation to the chancellor that the Geography Program be continued in its present form.

The chair then called up for discussion the issues relating to the planned revision of the university’s General Education Program. After much spirited discussion among several members, the Council took no formal action.

The Council next approved and adopted, on a motion by Professor Peckham (seconded by Professor Wills), revised versions of two documents: (1) APC Self-Study Report Procedure (rev. Oct. 2007) and (2) Guidelines for Program Self-Study Review (rev. Oct. 2007) and, on a motion by Professor Curra (seconded by Professor Wills), a final draft of a memorandum from Professor Trewin to Professor Phil Young, dated 12 December 2007, summarizing the Council’s formal response to the self-study report of the Broad-Field Science Program.

The chair asked unanimous consent to a motion for adjournment. Receiving such, she declared the meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Brian Peckham
Clerk Pro.Tem.