Academic Planning Council
Minutes
Wednesday April 10, 2008

Members Present: Tim Deis, Bernie Harris, Mark Meyers, Christina Curras, Amanda Trewin (Chair), Sheryl Wills, Carol Sue Butts, Mike Dalecki.

Guests: Mesut Muslu and Tim Zauche

1. Chair Amanda Trewin called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

2. Mike Dalecki moved, Bernie Harris second to approve minutes of March 26, 2008 meeting. Motion passed.

3. Renewable Energies Minor

Mesut Muslu presented information regarding the proposed Renewable Energies Minor. The Energy/Renewable Energies Committee developed the proposed minor; members of this committee are from School of Agriculture, Psychology, Sociology, Mechanical Engineering, Industrial Studies, Economics, Electrical Engineering, and Chemistry and Engineering Physics. This minor is supported by the College of EMS Advisory Board. A survey of 456 second semester freshman and sophomore students in the three supporting colleges indicates about 10 percent of the students surveyed are definitely interested in the minor, about 43 percent are possibly interested in the minor, and about 46 percent are doubtful or not interested in the minor. The Minor is going through UUCC (first reading on April 2, 2008 and second reading will be on April 16, 2008). A primary goal is to offer the first course in the Fall of 2008 (ENER 2130: Energy, Environment, and Society, 3 credits).

The Minor will require 1.0 faculty positions to teach courses and a Coordinator with 25 percent release time to manage the proposed Minor and the Renewable Energy Resource Center. The Minor will be housed in an 1800 sq ft Electrical Engineering laboratory in the new engineering building. There will be no administrative office and the Minor will not be attached to a particular department.

The requirements for the Minor are as follows:
- Total of 24 credits
- 9 credits of elective courses
- 15 credits of electives
- No more than 12 credits from a student’s major
Required courses include proposed courses: ENER 2130; ENER 3240; and ENER 4920. The Committee has developed a list of sample elective courses contributed by the programs listed above. Courses are proposed to be team-taught in the true sense; both faculty members will participate in all lectures.

While the APC agreed the Minor topic and content are important and timely, Carol Sue indicated that there are no positions on campus to fill the required faculty and coordinator roles. Various discussions ensued regarding how to fill the positions, such as backfilling positions of those who would teach various courses. Mesut then indicated that UWP Administration asked the Committee to investigate this minor and that administration should now find a way to provide the required resources. Note: The summary of the work completed by the Committee indicated that discussions at the Spring 2007 College of EMS Advisory Board showed considerable potential for industrial support and interaction between UWP and industry in the energy and renewable energies area.

Christina Curras moved, with a second by Mark Meyers, that the Minor be approved and implemented if and when the resources are made available to support the minor and that it is strongly recommended that external sources of funding be pursued. Motion passed with no further discussion.

4. The APC Schedule for the 2008-2009 Academic Year was presented by Amanda Trewin.

5. The Summary of the APC review of the Psychology Program was presented by Amanda Trewin. Mike Dalecki motioned, with a second by Bernie Harris, to approve the summary with no changes. Motion passed.

6. The Summary of the APC review of the Agricultural Education Program was presented by Amanda Trewin. Mike Dalecki motioned, with a second by Christina Curras, to approve the summary with a minor change recommending that the students in the program could benefit by having a location on campus dedicated to their issues and concerns. Motion passed.

7. APC will meet on April 23 to discuss the APC Summary for the year.

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Mark S. Meyers.