Academic Planning Council  
Wednesday, September 28, 2011  
4:00-5:00 p.m.  – 1510 Ullsvik Hall  
Meeting Minutes

Present: Dawn Drake, Kris Mahoney, Denise McNamara, Tim Zauche, Colleen McCabe, Mark Meyers, Dominic Barraclough and Provost Mittie Nimocks.

Provost Nimocks called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Following the introductions McCabe volunteered to take the minutes of the first meeting.

Duties & Purpose and somewhat review of APC Mission:
Provost Nimocks lead a discussion on the changes that have been requested by last year’s committee and granted by the Faculty Senate. She also posed questions for us to ponder as we look to reorganize our tasks and overall mission.

Referencing the work of Jim Collins – “Good to Great”
- Can we clearly define “who are we” as a university?
- What is our current “mission” as a university?
- And what can we be the “best” at here at UW-Platteville?

The council discussed the changes to our historic “main duty” of program review and the shift in focus to becoming more involved in the university’s academic charge. Also discussed was the importance of program, but a revamping of the format and process might be one of the 2011-12 committee’s focus. Another item discussed was what our role as a committee is when it comes to something like the development of a supplemental pay plan.

Provost Nimocks is interested and thankful for the change in duties and looking forward to dialogue that lends transparency and also supports and recommends how the university moves forward through future economic challenges and growth.

Membership:
- The Council discussed the need for a replacement for Laura Anderson (LAE) – the status of Corine Enright was questioned in that she may have served in a substitute capacity last year.
- Mark Meyers will serve as the representative from the UUCC.
- Other membership still open or not yet identified area as follows: the representative from the Library, Faculty Senate, Budget Commission, and the Student Senate.

2011-12 Meeting Dates
We will be sent the correct day/dates – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

Selection of Chair
Due to the nature of our changing mission we discussed the need for the APC chair to be a tenured faculty. That stated we needed to table the selection of the chair until our next meeting.

General Education Revisions – Core Curriculum
Guest Shane Drefcinski, gave the members a historical perspective on the path of the revisions to the General Education Requirements (hyperlink to posted draft) or Core Curriculum. As we discussed the draft of the proposal most comments centered on the following topics:
- Budgetary implications
- Writing Emphasis –WE requirement
- High Impact practices which increase retention
By the end of the semester, if not sooner the General Education Task Force would like the APC committee’s endorsement of the current draft of the revisions to the general education curriculum. Questions that were identified as needing to be answered prior to our endorsement:

- What is implementation of the changes going to cost?
- Where is that money coming from?
- What changes will this bring to existing programs/departments?

Motion to adjourn by Dawn Drake, second by Kris Mahoney
Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Next Meeting:
Wednesday, October 12, 2011
4:00-5:00 p.m., 1510 Ullsvik Hall

Respectfully submitted: Colleen McCabe