Minutes of the 9 April 2002 Meeting of the UWP Academic Standards Committee
8:30 am, 261 Gardner Hall

Members Present: Beth Frieders, Elizabeth Gates, Ted Parsons; Dick Schumacher*
Absent: Mesut Muslu, Steve Steiner, Samira Towfic; David Boyles*, David Van Buren*
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1. Discuss the Evaluation Forms drafted by Elizabeth and Ted (distributed by email several weeks ago).
   - Tabled until next meeting.

2. Discussion with Dick Schumacher about Admission Standards
   Dick was able to be present at this meeting, and brought along copies of UWP admission standards. He went over the information, answered our questions, and offered whatever assistance we would like.
   a. Admission Requirements
      Standard Admission: Category I and Category II (discretionary) -- applies to both new and transfer students; see admissions sheet for requirements. Ellen Lindner (admissions office) has curriculum guides for every WI high school and how their courses translate to UWP entrance requirements. Students seeking discretionary admission must submit a letter of recommendation from a high school English, math or science teacher (although Dick said that sometimes they do not require this, only for those that are border line). "Exceptional Admits" are made for those who do not meet the standard admit requirements.

   b. Admission facts
      - Based on last year's new students:
        - UWP has the 4th highest average ACT scores in UW system, below Eau Claire, Stevens Point and La Crosse (not in order).
        - 76% of the students completed 2 yrs of foreign language in high school.
        - Of the 1050 students admitted, approx. 100 were discretionary.
        - Approx. 83% of all applicants are accepted.
        - Approx. 50% of accepted new student applicants select UWP; approx. 65% of accepted transfer student applicants select UWP.
        - Approx. 77% of freshmen are retained to sophomore year.
        - Admissions numbers are determined based on meeting the +/- 1% of the FTE for the campus; if we are too far below this mark, the number of discretionary admits increases.

   c. Information we can access
      Information that is available and would be helpful for us in tracking trends (to be collected for Category I, Category II and combined categories):
      - Retention rates
      - Gender ratio
      - GPAs
      - Graduation rates
      - Minority students
      - Number of students
      - % of students in the various ACT score categories
Abdollah Soofi is the campus data analysis person. Dick recommended that we make an appointment with him to show us the computer program, and the other kinds of available data, i.e., what the system can and cannot do for us.

3. Next Meeting
   - Friday 3 May 2002, 2:15pm, 261 Gardner Hall