

ACADEMIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

December 2004 - November 2005

Presented to the Academic Senate December 6, 2005

The Academic Planning Committee met 13 times between December 8, 2004 and November 2, 2005. Two more meetings are scheduled before the end of 2005. A summary of the matters considered this past year follows.

Academic Program Reviews

Members will have served on four APRs by the end of 2005.

- Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education (February 13-16, 2005)
- Political Science (September 11-14, 2005)
- Statistics (September 11-14, 2005)
- School of Music (December 4-7, 2005)

Four APRs are scheduled for the Spring Semester.

- Educational Administration (February 5-8, 2006)
- Computer Science and Engineering (March 26-29, 2006)
- Physics and Astronomy (April 2-5, 2006)
- Animal Science (May 14-18, 2006)

Three APR reports were submitted to the Academic Program Review Subcommittee in 2005.

- Entomology (APR September 21-24, 2004, report submitted March 22, 2005)
- Modern Languages and Literatures (APR October 24-27, 2004, report submitted April 11, 2005)
- School of Biological Sciences (APR September 26-29, 2004, report submitted May 4, 2005)

Two APR reports are past due.

- Philosophy (APR December 5-8, 2004; the department's response to the APR report was received February 21, 2005)
- Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education (APR February 13-16, 2005; the department intends to complete strategic planning before responding to the APR report)

Reports Received

- Status of Programs of Excellence proposals
- eXtension: a national information and education network
- University Space Survey
- North Central Association (NCA) accreditation process
- Academic Program Review Subcommittee activities
- Curriculum Committee activities
- Aesthetic Review Committee activities
- Process to review General Education requirements
- Formation of a University Taskforce on Interdisciplinary Efforts
- Master Plan update
- Institutional Objectives

Centers Recommended for Approval

- National Drought Mitigation Center
- Center for Digital Research in the Humanities

New Degree Programs Recommended for Approval

- Classical Languages major combining Greek and Latin
- Classics and Religious Studies major
- Bachelor in Landscape Architecture

- Insect Science major
- Bachelor of Science in Construction Engineering
- Bachelor of Science in Hospitality, Restaurant & Tourism Management

Name Changes Recommended

- Rename the Mathematics and Statistics major “Mathematics,” which is now the department name
- Change the BS in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources to two new degree names, BS in Agricultural Sciences and BS in Natural Resources
- Rename the Department of Theatre Arts “The Johnny Carson School of Theatre and Film”
- Change Department of Chemical Engineering to “Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering”
- Change College of Engineering and Technology to “College of Engineering”
- Change the Women's Studies program to "Women's and Gender Studies"

Degree Programs Recommended for Elimination

- Classics major
- Greek major
- Latin major

Facilities Project Initiation Requests (PIRs) recommended for approval

- Temple Building Expansion
- Whittier Building renovations to house the University Child Care Center

Programs of Excellence recommendations

- POE proposals for Undergraduate Education Enhancement one-time funding
- Review Programs of Excellence (POE) proposals

Membership

APC has been operating this semester without a full slate of members. Business was delayed at the October 5 meeting pending arrival of a quorum. There was no quorum at the October 19 meeting.

- Jitender Deogun was appointed Graduate Committee Representative in mid-September. He did not attend any meetings. APC was informed in November that he had resigned. No one has been appointed to fill the opening.
- Deborah Minter resigned as a Faculty Representative in August. Craig Eckhardt was appointed as an interim member until an election could be held. Eckhardt will not be available next semester. No new faculty member has been named.
- Sarah Morris, Undergraduate Student Representative, missed all six meetings from September to early November. She was the Undergraduate Student Representative in 2004-05 and missed six of ten meetings. APC asked ASUN to appoint a replacement for her. The position has not been filled.

Appointments

APC representatives were appointed to three University-wide committees:

- Aesthetic Review Committee
- Curriculum Committee
- Committee to Revise the Academic Program Review Guidelines

Members were appointed to six APC subcommittees:

- Project Initiation Request Subcommittee (standing)
- Long-range Planning Subcommittee (standing)
- Academic Program Review Subcommittee (standing)
- To evaluate the proposed Veterinary Science joint program with Iowa State University

- To review the proposed Center for Digital Research in the Humanities
- To review changes to the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality, Restaurant and Tourism Management proposal during the summer recess

Other Actions

- APC investigated the University's list of Centers to determine which ones had gone through the official approval process and whether some had been or should be discontinued. Procedures for reviewing centers were recommended.
- APC recommended procedures for degree name changes.
- APC endorsed the Development, Relief & Education for Alien Minors (DREAM) Act granting resident tuition rates to undocumented immigrants.
- APC recommended priorities for General Purpose Classroom renovations.

Upcoming Issues

APC's Long-Range Planning Subcommittee is developing a White Paper for Dr. Couture about cross-cutting themes that emerged from strategic planning. The subcommittee is suggesting processes to implement innovative ideas.