

## Academic Planning Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Academic Planning Council was held on April 18, 2008, Strosacker Room, Park Library. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Present:** K. Adams, J. Chandler, R. Christie, R. Coles, D. Green, S.A. Ann Martin, T. Masterson, T. Moore, L. Orf, C. Riordan, P. Ross, D. Rutherford, G. Shapiro, R. St. Andre, S. Stan, B. Swartz, W. Zhou // **Absent:** T. Hartshorne, M. Fields, R. Roscoe, J. Wallace, D. Wisner // **Guests:** Maria Marron, Tom Rohrer, Mark Minelli, Claudia Douglass, Roger Rehm, Kendra Brown and Jeremy Bond

### *New Business*

**I. Approval of Minutes.** K. Adams moved to approve the January 18, 2008 minutes; T. Masterson seconded. Carried.

### **II. Specialized/Professional Accreditation Review:**

A. **College of Communication and Fine Arts, Department of Journalism:** The Journalism program is seeking reaccreditation from the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. Council concurs.

### **III. New Program and New Initiative Proposals:**

A. **The Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions and College of Science and Technology: Environmental Health and Safety Major.** Proposal presented by Tom Masterson, Tom Rohrer and Mark Minelli. Issues raised by APC:

1. How does this differ from Community Health? This is more for field practitioner.
2. Are you confident you can fill faculty position? Yes, we currently have someone who can teach as a temporary faculty.
3. Will you have a minor? Have not laid out the plans for a minor yet. Also, those who earn minors cannot sit for certification exam.
4. Will this program be for new students or pull from majors? Could be a combination of the two, but mostly new.
5. Seems to be an imbalance of courses offered between the two colleges. New courses being developed will be housed in Health Professions and this should correct imbalance.
6. How many new courses? Three
7. Ensure when documents submitted through curricular process the title of major is correct. Many instances in the Planning Form listed program as Environmental Health and did not include "and Safety."

**Voting Results:** 12 total votes out of a possible 18 votes

12 Approve to proceed through the curricular process

0 Revise and resubmit a full proposal which responds to concerns from APC and provost

0 Do not approve to proceed through curricular process

B. **College of Science and Technology and College of Education and Human Services: MA in Teaching Integrated Science.** Proposal presented by Rich St. Andre and Claudia Douglass. Issues raised by APC:

1. This program is if only for practicing teachers to enhance classroom teaching.
2. Does it force a department to develop courses? Courses will be developed by Interdisciplinary Science Education Council (ISEC). Looking for 300-400 level courses where student can develop their own questions and/or variables.

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**IV. Online Learning Environment:** C. Riordan, P. Ross, R. Rehm, K. Brown and J. Bond gave presentation on CMU's online learning environment. 'This is so much more than Blackboard' or 'I had no idea all this was going on' were comments heard repeatedly in the discussion. Riordan provided an overview of the importance of quality, the procedures in place designed to foster quality and a new procedure to be instituted in the Fall in which the Academic Planning Council would advise the provost on online program development. Further discussion is scheduled for future meetings. APC members are to send ideas for how to better communicate about online learning to faculty to Riordan.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2008 from 1-3 p.m. in the Strosacker Room, Park Library. Deadline for submission of items for this meeting is Thursday, April 24, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.