

## Academic Planning Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Academic Planning Council was held on May 7, 2007, Strosacker Room, Park Library. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

**Present:** Adams, Baugh, Christie, Gates, Holmes (Fields), Howell, Lary, Martin, Matty (Kohrman), Moore, Riordan, Rutherford, Scukanec, Shapiro, Swartz, Zainea, Zhou // **Absent:** Chandler, Dailey, Roscoe, Shellady // **Guests:** Guy Newland, Robert Noggle, Susan Stan, Marcy Taylor

### *New Business*

**I. Approval of Minutes.** The February 16, 2007 minutes were approved.

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

**A. Philosophy & Religion: Ethics, Values, and Society Minor.** Proposal presented by Guy Newland and Robert Noggle.

Issues raised by APC members:

1. Strong rationale and excellent proposal. Are there introductory and synthesis courses and will they be team taught? Not really, PHL 118 is basically the introductory course. Would you advise students to take this course at the beginning? Yes. Any synthesis course? No, not right now, it could develop.
2. PHL 118 and 218 could be described as an intro class and the applied portion as the synthesis part.
3. Any course in medical ethics? Not right now. There is one on the books and it is the hope that this type of course would be brought out again and taught on campus.
4. Willing to include ethics courses taught by faculty in other areas: health, sciences, etc? Yes.
5. This would be a good minor for many other areas on campus.

**Voting Results:** 14 total votes out of a possible 14 votes

14 Approve to proceed to Senate

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

0 Do not approve to proceed to Senate

**B. English Language & Literature: Ph.D. Literature, Culture, and Pedagogy for Children & Young Adults.** Proposal presented by Marcy Taylor and Susan Stan.

Issues raised by APC members:

1. Will the long title of the program limit student interest and placement? The length is recognized and the proposers feel strong all five elements need to be in the title.
2. Any talk with other institutions about this type of program? Yes, a few institutions were contacted and were excited about this.
3. It is great that CMU can be innovative. CMU has the best faculty in children's literature not only in the Midwest but also perhaps in the country.
4. Diversity is noted as important in the proposal, but the proposal does not show a lot of multicultural specialization in the faculty. Presenters confirmed that many faculty do specialize in this area.
5. Committee members liked the visiting professor portion as this will help with becoming more nationally prominent. Several members strongly supported this proposal
6. The program will be in place for FY10 which is 2 full years away – could we implement this in FY09? No, must go through the curricular process, recruit students, etc.
7. The budget is rather low. Moore clarified that library costs will be \$45,000 in one time, \$40,000 for year 1 and \$26,500 in ongoing costs after year 1. Holdings in the IMC would move to the Library.
8. The proposal incorrectly claims the difference in GA costs over regular faculty costs as tuition revenue.
9. The Grad Council would like to see more research required so that the students will be better prepared when they get to the dissertation.
10. This program would offer more evening and weekend courses since many of the students will already be full time teachers. Half of the students will be half time and half full-time. Students coming into the program will already have an MA.
11. How does this relate to the Creative Writing program that is in process? The creative writing program is not ready to go forward because they are losing two faculty members.
12. Should the committee vote recognizing that the proposal's budget is inaccurate? The provost would ask for an accurate budget before providing his approval. The committee agreed unanimously to vote on the proposal

**Voting Results:** 13 total votes out of a possible 14 votes

11 Approve to proceed to Senate

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0 Do not approve to proceed to Senate

### **III. Specialized/Professional Accreditation Review**

#### **A. Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work: Social Work Program.** Presented by Pam Gates

Issues raised by APC members:

1. Is the accreditation of this group require us to do things that we would not otherwise do? No, it aligns very well and we don't expect much difficulty. There have been some challenges due to changing personnel.
2. There are additional costs for running an accredited program versus a non accredited program but the college has absorbed those costs with shifting funds.
3. The APC reviews requests prior to seeking specialized accreditation because of the potential impacts of specialized accreditation on the institution and other programs/faculty.

There were no objections to moving forward with this accreditation.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 14, 2007 from 1-3 p.m. in the Strosacker Room, Park Library. Deadline for submission of items for this meeting is no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 6, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.