

Academic Planning Council Minutes

A regular meeting of the Academic Planning Council was held on May 2, 2008, Strosacker Room, Park Library. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Present: R. Coles, D. Green, T. Hartshorne, T. Masterson, T. Moore, L. Orf, C. Riordan, P. Ross, R. St. Andre, S. Stan, B. Swartz, J. Wallace, D. Wisner // **Absent:** K. Adams, J. Chandler, R. Christie, M. Fields, S.A. Ann Martin, R. Roscoe, D. Rutherford, G. Shapiro, W. Zhou // **Guests:** Peter Orlik and Patty Williamson

New Business

I. Approval of Minutes. L. Orf moved to approve the April 18, 2008 minutes; S. Stan seconded. Carried.

II. New Program and New Initiative Proposals:

A. College of Communication and Fine Arts: MA in Electronic Media Production. Proposal presented by Peter Orlik and Patty Williamson. Issues raised by APC:

1. What are potential numbers? Will not bring in a huge amount of students. Anticipate 4-5 students initially choosing this track; could double in two years after implementation.
2. For students to be admitted do they need undergraduate background? Yes and will need to show examples of their work.
3. Where else is it offered in the State? Do not know if any other university offers it. Our competition is MSU for both graduate and undergraduate.
4. How does this differ from MSU program? This involves production.
5. Do courses currently exist? Yes.
6. Are they expected to do thesis? This concentration will be Plan B only.
7. Are you absolutely sure you do not need money? Yes, but the BCA program needs money.
8. How many students in the Grad program? About 25. We will have 13 GAs next year.
9. Is it appropriate not to have more 600 level courses?

Voting Results: 11 total votes out of a possible 18 votes

11 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

III. Online Learning Environment. Riordan highlighted some areas the APC would be involved, such as:

- Working with deans to formalize their plans of what programs and/or courses are going online.
- Visits Council of Deans, Council of Chairs, and DACs to inform them of online learning.

There were concerns that research productivity could decline if teaching loads are too high.

Riordan requested members share any ideas they may have.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 26, 2008 from 1-3 p.m. in the Strosacker Room, Park Library. Deadline for submission of items for this meeting is Thursday, September 18, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:37 p.m.