

## **University Academic Planning Council Annual Report to the Faculty Senate 1996-97**

### **Functions**

The University Academic Planning Council (UAPC) meets regularly to advise the chancellor and provost on major program decisions, long term academic plans, and associated campus development and budgetary policies. It addresses university academic issues and provides for faculty participation in long range planning; assures that appropriate review and consideration is given to requests for new programs and the implementation of proposals for new majors, degrees, schools or colleges; makes recommendations concerning the establishment or discontinuation of departments, and evaluation of academic programs.

The council meets once a month during the academic year and as needed during the summer. Both outgoing members and new members attend summer meetings to provide for continuity. Meeting notes are available for all UAPC meetings.

### **Policy and Planning Discussions During 1996-97**

Issues related to the implementation of the general education requirement were discussed throughout the year. These issues included: the final approval of a large body of courses fulfilling the communications B requirement; the development of a structure for the administration of general education requirements; the assessment of general education courses (including a discussion of the assessment project undertaken for courses fulfilling the communications A requirement); and the development of general policies to be used in defining equivalencies for off-campus courses that will satisfy communications A and B requirements for transfer students.

The UAPC received an interim and informal report from the Chair of the Joint Subcommittee on Budget, Planning and Analysis describing that committee's progress toward defining an agenda and developing effective lines of communication with relevant campus entities. The UAPC also received a report and presentation on the Master Plan for physical planning in support of the Council's charge to provide advice on any academic issues affecting the physical development of the campus.

In addition, there were discussions of the following topics: development of "flexible" degree programs which can be offered to practicing professionals (such as the Masters of Engineering); low enrollment majors and the related issue of program array; other enrollment issues including the declining graduate enrollment, credits to degree, time to degree and the four year degree "contract"; program review and the possibility of area program reviews; faculty turnover and retirement trends; and guidelines governing the restructuring and realignment of academic departments among the schools and colleges.

The UAPC approved guidelines for the development of centers and institutes, and for the development of certificate programs.

### **Academic Program Changes From July 1996 through June 1997**

The University Academic Planning Council considered and recommended the formal academic actions and changes presented below. Frequently the consideration of these new programs or changes led to investigation and discussion of academic planning issues as a context for the approval.

#### **Majors and Degrees**

Establishment of an entitlement to plan a B.S. in Computer Engineering.

Establishment of an entitlement to plan a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering. (An entitlement to plan a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering had been previously approved by the UAPC).

Phase-out of the undergraduate major in Business Education. No degrees had been granted in this major since 1983-84.

Name change for undergraduate and graduate majors in Meat and Animal Science to Animal Sciences.

Phase-out of all graduate degrees in the Poultry Science Major. (The Bachelor's Degrees in Poultry Science remains. This action followed the previous merger of the departments of Poultry Science, and Meat and Animal Science, into Animal Sciences. The merged department developed a new graduate degree program in Animal Sciences that replaces the graduate majors in both Meat and Animal Science, and in Poultry Science. )

Name change for Bachelor's and Ph.D. major in Agricultural Economics to Agricultural and Applied Economics. (The name and structure of the Master's program is still under consideration.)

Name change for both the Master of Science and the Master of Arts degrees in – Legal Institutions to Master of Legal Institutions.

Phase-out of the M.A. degrees in Geology and in Geophysics.

Phase-out of the B.S. Degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

Phase-out of the Agriculture and Naval Science B.S. Degree offered through the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (A Bachelor of Naval Science degree is still offered through the College of Engineering.)

Establishment of a new Environmental Engineering option within the Civil Engineering undergraduate degree program.

Approved the name change for the majors in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Science to match the department name.

### Centers and Institutes

Establishment of the Center for Race and Ethnicity in the Medical School.

Establishment of the Renk Agribusiness Center in the School of Business.

Establishment of the Institute for Pest and Pathogen Management in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Phase-out two Centers in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: The Center for Environmental Awareness, and the Center for Resource Policy Studies.

### Departments/Programs

Approval of the proposal to transfer the department of Animal Health and Biomedical Sciences from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to the School of Veterinary Medicine.

Approval of the transfer of the Physical Therapy Program from the School of Education to the Medical School. (Physical Therapy will be a distinct program within the Department of Surgery. Discussion is currently underway on a possible change for the degree offered now that the program has moved.)

Approval of the restructuring of the Division of Continuing Studies from four to two departments. Approval of the names for the newly restructured departments: Department of Liberal Studies and the Arts, and Department of Professional Development and Applied Studies.

Approval of the name change for the Department of Forestry to Forest Ecology and Management.

Approval of the name change for the Department of Biostatistics to Bio statistics and Medical Informatics.

Approval of the name change for the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Engineering Physics to Engineering Physics.

### Certificates

Approval of two certificate programs within the College of Letters and Science: Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), and the Artist Certificate in Music.

### **Future Issues**

The UAPC will continue to address issues relevant to its mission of advising the Chancellor and Provost on programmatic decisions and addressing university academic issues. Issues are likely to continue to include: the continuing development of the general education requirement; the exploration of ways to promote cross-college programs; examination of grading patterns; trends in turnover and retirement of faculty; enrollment management; program review and issues related to assessment and accreditation; the four year degree “contract”.

### **Summary**

In 1996-97, the UAPC addressed issues relevant to many aspects of its mission as defined by Faculty Policy and Procedures. In particular, the council advised the Chancellor and Provost on several major program decisions including the transfer of the Animal Health and Biomedical Sciences department from the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences to the School of Veterinary Medicine. Since the new general education requirements were in place for the first time, the Council spent considerable time on implementation issues including developing a structure to oversee these requirements, approving additional courses that meet the requirement, and consideration of the assessment of some of the general education courses. As part of its responsibility for "appropriate review and consideration of requests for new programs", the Council acted on a large number of proposals (as documented above). It also established new guidelines governing certificate programs, and reviewed guidelines governing centers.

## **Committee Membership 1996-97**

Chancellor David Ward  
Provost John Wiley, Chair  
Dean of the Graduate School Virginia Hinshaw  
Dean Phillip R. Certain, Administrative representative  
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Brent H. McCown, University Committee representative  
Robert Dye, Academic Staff Executive Committee representative  
Michael Gould, Biological Sciences  
Robert Skloot, Humanities  
Michael L. Corradini, Physical Sciences  
Doris Slesinger, Social Sciences  
Paul Boyer and Patricia Wolleat, University Committee appointees  
Patricia Becker and Paul Ludden, University Committee appointees to UAPC and  
Campus Planning Committee  
Joel Zwiefelhofer, Associated Students of Madison representative, non-voting  
(replaced by Leah Nelson)