

## **University Academic Planning Council Annual Report to the Faculty Senate 1997-98**

### **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 1997-98**

Issues related to the routing of proposed academic program changes through university committees were discussed throughout the year. These discussions resulted in the development of a logical and efficient process in which changes in graduate level majors or submajors are reviewed and approved by the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee (GFEC) and then routed to the UAPC for ratification as "informational-only" items. This new process eliminates the redundancy of having two campus-wide committees (both the UAPC and the GFEC) scrutinize academic program changes for graduate level programs. Discussions related to the development of this routing process involved the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee, the University Committee, and the Academic Staff Executive Committee in addition to the UAPC. The UAPC continues review and approval of proposals regarding undergraduate degrees and programs.

The UAPC discussed the following topics during the past year: low enrollment majors, program review policies and broad area program review, enrollment management and enrollment projections, the progress of the new directions reaccreditation project, issues arising through the implementation of the general education requirement, and graduate student tuition remissions..

### **Academic Program Changes From July 1997 through June 1998**

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 indepth evaluation and discussion of academic planning issues as a context for the approval.

## Majors and Degrees

Approved the request for an entitlement to plan an undergraduate major in Jewish Studies.

Approved the request for an entitlement to plan a Master of Physical Therapy degree

Approved the authorization to implement a B.S. in Biomedical Engineering and ratified the Graduate School Executive Committee's approval of the authorization to implement the Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering.

Recommended final approval of the Ph.D. in Japanese by approving the joint-review committee's recommendation for continuation.

Approved the phase-out of the Bachelor of Education degree offered under the American Institutions, Biological Aspects of Conservation, Botany, Communication Arts, Comparative Literature, and Zoology majors. (The B.A./B.S. degrees are still available through the College of Letters and Science.

Approved the phase-out of the major and M.S. degree in Education and Music.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the phase-out of the major and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Anatomy.

Approved the following College of Letters and Science's baccalaureate honors degrees: Honors in the Liberal Arts; Honors in the Major; and Comprehensive Honors.

Approved the College of Engineering's baccalaureate honors degrees: Honors in the Liberal Arts and Honors in Research.

Approved the proposal to change the name of the undergraduate major from South Asian Studies to Languages and Cultures of Asia.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the proposal to rename and consolidate the graduate majors and degrees in South Asian Studies, South Asian Languages and Literature, and Buddhist Studies to become the graduate major Languages and Cultures of Asia with M.A. and Ph.D. degrees.

Approved the renaming of the major Engineering without Designation to Engineering.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the merger of the Physiology and Neurophysiology graduate majors into a single major in Physiology offering M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the merger of the Ph.D. degrees and majors in Bacteriology and in Medical Microbiology and Immunology into a new major and Ph.D. degree program in Microbiology.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the merger of the M.S. degree programs in Public Affairs and Policy Analysis and in Public Affairs and Administration to form a M.S degree program in Public Affairs.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the name change of the major and M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs in Pharmacology (through the Medical School) to the major and M.S. and Ph.D. degree programs in Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology.

#### Submajors/Options

Approved the named options in Polymer Science, within the Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering, and in Technical Japanese, within the Master of Engineering in Engineering Professional Development.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the named options in Buddhist Studies, Languages and Literatures, and Religious Studies within the Ph.D. degree program in the major Languages and Cultures of Asia

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the named options in Public Management and in Policy Analysis within the M.S. degree program in Public Affairs.

Approved the consolidation of the options within the Communication Arts major entitled Communication and Public Address and Communication Theory and Research to form the new option Communication Science and Rhetorical Studies.

#### Centers and Institutes

Approved the establishment of the Reed Center for Photonics.

Approved the establishment of the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Institute.

Approved the establishment of the Arts Institute and the concurrent phase-out of the Arts Consortium.

#### Departments/Programs

Approved the merger of the Departments of Neurophysiology and Physiology into a new department named Physiology.

Approved the request to change the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (URPL) from a department solely within the College of Letters and Science to a joint department

between L&S and the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. As part of the restructuring, the transfer of four faculty members from the Landscape Architecture department in CALS to the new URPL department within CALS was also approved.

Approved the phase-out of the Department of Continuing and Vocational Education.

Approved the proposal to change the name of the Department of South Asian Studies to the Department of Languages and Cultures of Asia.

#### Certificates

Approved the proposal to establish an undergraduate certificate program in Asian American Studies.

Approved the proposal to establish an undergraduate certificate program in Religious Studies.

#### **Future Issues**

The UAPC will continue to address issues relevant to its mission of advising the chancellor and provost on university academic program issues. These issues are likely to continue to include: the exploration of ways to promote interdepartmental and cross-college programs; oversight of program review policies and the general education requirements; enrollment management and enrollment projections; and issues raised by the New Directions reaccreditation project.

#### **Summary**

In 1997-98 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 decisions including the merger of the Departments of Physiology and Neurophysiology and the granting of in-state tuition remission for graduate students. 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). In consultation with the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee, the University Committee and the Academic Staff Executive Committee, the UAPC also improved the efficiency of the existing academic program approval process to reduce administrative barriers to the development of new programs.

## **Committee Membership 1997-98**

David Ward, Chancellor

John Wiley, Provost and Chair

Virginia Hinshaw, Dean of the Graduate School

Phillip R. Certain, Dean of the College of Letters and Science, Administrative representative

Thomas Kurtz Chair, Budget Planning and Analysis Joint Subcommittee

Bernice Durand, University Committee representative

Kathleen Zweifel, Academic Staff Executive Committee representative

Michael Gould, Biological Sciences

Halina Filipowicz, Humanities

William Bleam, Physical Sciences

Linda Greene, Social Sciences

Paul Boyer and Patricia Wolleat, University Committee appointees

Patricia Becker and Erhard Joeres, University Committee appointees to UAPC and Campus Planning Committee

Eva Raison, Associated Students of Madison representative, non-voting