Committee on Academic Programs and Continuing Education (APACE)

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 1998


Absent: Ahmed Abdelal, Jean Bevis, Margo Briton, Anita Buamah, Sam Deitz, Chris Erickson, Larry Gaunt, Janice Griffith, Sidney Harris, Ronald Henry, Julie Hotchkiss, Fenwick Huss, Fred Jacobs, Susan Kelley, Steve Manson, David McCreery, David Myers, Bill Nelson, Lucretia Payton-Stewart, Carla Relaford, Tim Renick, Ram Sriram, Detmar Straub, Shirley Tastad, John Thomas, Dave Vanko, Frank Whittington, Armenia Williams, and Judy Wold.

Also attending: Jim Bohanan.

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. in Room 315, Alumni Hall by Chair, John Newman.

Minutes of the November 10, 1998 Meeting

On a motion by Bill Rushing, seconded by Carol Winkler, the minutes of the November 10, 1998 meeting were approved as presented.

Strategic Planning Subcommittee Status Report

Carol Winkler briefed the committee about proposed changes in the Strategic Planning Status Report by the Strategic Planning Subcommittee. She advised that the subcommittee approved the action plan on December 2. The major changes approved by the subcommittee included adding a section on student learning and how such a program would be implemented under semester conversion. There were additional items classed as action plan follow ups that added the university capital campaign and resolutions from the Senate Research Committee that asked for an item to be added that would implement resolutions from last year's Senate meeting about the Research Office and the Grants and Contracts Office working closer together to make coordination easier for principal investigators. The subcommittee also recommended that the internal grants program not be a budget item for any proposed budget cutbacks.

She also discussed additions to the Master Plan that would include the demolition of the Sports Arena and the future addition of 4 academic buildings including a humanities building on the site of Kell Hall.

Assessment Subcommittee

Sheryl Gowen advised that the Assessment Subcommittee had met and is addressing the issue of goals for general education assessment. The subcommittee is working toward making these procedures a faculty driven process and will report on progress at the next APACE meeting.

Academic Program Review Committee

Ellen Taylor advised that the committee had met and referred the 3 programs under review to subcommittees for more detailed analysis. The committee will report its progress at the next APACE meeting.

Quality Improvement Funding

John Newman advised that he has the QIP funding proposals and that he will distribute them to the subcommittee. Because of the current budget short fall, it appears that only one-half of the usual $250,000 or $125,000 will be available for funding.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

James Bohanan, Recorder