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Minutes of the Academic Policy Advisory Council
Tuesday, October 6, 1981, 4:00 p.m., Owens A

Members Present: W. Jones, Chair; D. Anderson, R. Badal, R. Bynum, D. Corrick
D. Deneau, W. Fischer, P. Joraanstad, M. Kranz, D. Meinke,
D. Nelson, N. Parlin, S. Roy, O. Sharma, J. Strong, J. Tesch
W. Thomas

APAC Procedures

J. Strong moved, D. Anderson seconded, to approve the following change in APAC procedures: that APAC establish a schedule showing the time required from preliminary hearing to formal approval. The purpose would be to forestall unrealistic expectations of quick approvals. The schedule would show that minor changes could be handled immediately, new courses two weeks, and program changes a month. Motion carried.

J. Tesch moved, D. Corrick seconded to approve the following revision in the APAC new course proposal form: that the new course approval form be revised to include review by the concerned subcommittees, e.g. Liberal Arts, Long Range Planning and Graduate Studies. Motion carried.

Mission and Scope

D. Corrick moved, W. Fischer seconded, to recommend approval of the Mission and Scope statement.

J. Strong suggested that under the section on Goals a statement be included regarding curriculum development and modes of instruction and under the section on Professional Growth Opportunities for Faculty a statement be included encouraging sabbatical leaves.

It was also suggested that under Graduate Education, the last sentence of the second paragraph be revised to read as follows: The establishment of these programs, and the strengthening of already-existing programs will necessitate the temporary diversion of resources to graduate education.

Motion to approve the Mission and Scope statement carried.

Student Absence Policy

The student absence policy was discussed. W. Jones will prepare a draft of a revised student absence policy, incorporating the concerns expressed at this meeting, for discussion at a future APAC meeting.

S. Ferris, Secretary