Annual Report

Academic Planning and Budget Committee

2000-01

➢ The Academic Planning and Budget Committee met 24 times during the academic year 2000-01.

➢ ABPC requested proposals from the programs identified in the Program Array Review process as i) needing attention to strengthen and ii) to maintain program strength. The committee agreed to give priority to proposals requesting personnel. However, it required one on one match of the budget requests. The proposals from Art History, Chemistry, Curriculum and Instructions, Conservation and Environmental Science, Dance, English, Health Care Administration, Library and Information Studies and Therapeutic and Recreation were recommended to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for funding.

➢ In response to the recommendation of the PAR that either Geography program be consolidated with Geo Sciences or be eliminated, Geography department submitted a proposal to revise the Geography doctoral program. This included a substantial revision in the curriculum and a strong support from the L&S faculty and the Dean. By a majority vote, the committee recommended to the Provost and Vice Chancellor that the Ph. D. program in Geography be continued.

➢ To incorporate role of the committee in planning for new degrees and programs, the committee requested change in the Academic Approval Matrix. The Senate voted unanimously to let APBC review and comment on the budgetary implications of: i) the new graduate and undergraduate degrees, ii) establish or eliminate departments, institutes, centers, schools and colleges, and iii) establish off-site offerings and cooperative programs with other UWS units. The recommendation was accepted by the UWM administration.

➢ To provide equal representation to all divisions, APBC recommended that each division be allowed to have one elected and one appointed member. The compositions of the remaining committee were not changed. The recommendation was unanimously approved by the Senate and accepted by the UWM administration.
➢ At request of Provost and Vice Chancellor, APBC reviewed 165 proposals pertaining to the Investment in the UWM Future. To review these proposals following criteria were used a) prefer proposals which add faculty, b) increase faculty with research grant potentials, c) provide necessary resources to faculty and staff in S&E and research support, d) support interactive scholars program, e) bring productive programs to critical mass, f) develop select new programs with great potential of bringing extra mural support and g) increase undergraduate/graduate program quality. Based upon these criteria proposals were prioritize and recommended to the Provost.

➢ APBC actively participated in the Action Teams appointed by the Provost for investing in the UWM Future.

➢ APBC members also participated in i) Learning Through Technology Roundtable Committee and ii) Information Technology Review Committee.

➢ APBC reviewed the graduate enrollment by programs and expressed concern about its decline. The committee recommended that to increase graduate enrollment TA’s and RA’s stipends should be increased and in case of excess capacity in a program, the non-resident tuition remission be provided to the deserving students.

➢ APBC reviewed the report of the Senate Ad Hoc PAR Review Committee and it agreed in principle to continue the PAR process. However, APBC will examine PAR methodology and the composition of the departmental review files doing 2001-02.

2000-01 Members
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