MINUTES


Excused: Michael Carvan, Nancy Frank, Laura Grant, J. Val Klump

Guests: Tom Hansen, William Holahan

Faculty Meeting

I. Call to order – Dean David Garman called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

II. Automatic consent – there were no objections; they stand approved.
   A. Approval of minutes February 10, 2011

III. Announcements and discussion
   A. David Garman gave an update on the strategic planning retreat and next steps.
   B. David Garman gave an update on Associate Dean searches.
   C. Tom Hansen presented options for state of the art video conferencing equipment. Anyone interested in using the system should send details to Rebecca Klaper. David Garman has requested that any instructor intending to teach their course on line notify him.
   D. Tom Hansen will explore additional options for PC support and come back to the faculty with a plan.
   E. Sandra McClellan gave an update on the Policy Center Director Search.

IV. Old Business
   A. Harvey Bootsma opened up the discussion regarding modification to the PhD curriculum to provide flexibility to those students who are already proficient in core areas. Three motions were presented based on the following wording: Students must earn 54 credits beyond the bachelor's degree, of which 24 credits may be taken from formal coursework completed as part of a master's degree. A minimum of 27 credits must be earned in residence at UWM. Students must be proficient in at least 3 of the 4 core areas: 1) freshwater systems, 2) human/ecosystem health 3) freshwater technology and 4) freshwater economics, policy and management. To meet this requirement, core courses are offered in each of these areas. The School of Freshwater Sciences has the discretion to decide if the student has a basic level of proficiency in these areas, and can exempt the student from taking the core course in that area. Students will be required to take
two integrative Seminar courses and two Freshwater Sciences Practicum courses. Elective courses are selected in consultation with the student's PhD committee. A minimum of 9 credits of Dissertation Research is required.

The first motion was made to accept the proposed wording, this motion was not approved. A second motion was made to accept the proposed changes with the stipulation that the faculty will internally define how to assess proficiency. This motion was approved.

V. New Business
A. A motion was made to approve the APCC admission recommendations for fall 2012. The motion was approved.
B. A motion was made to approve SFS 496 – UROP Research CAR form. The motion was approved.

VI. Adjournment – David Garman adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.