Present: Members: Janice Bogstad, Carey Applegate, Selika Duckworth-Lawton, Joel Friederich, Robert Hooper, Marquell Johnson, Patricia Kleine, Bill Miller, David A. Miller, Vicki Samelson

Guests: Jeff Bria, Margaret Cassidy, Darrell Newton, Deb Jansen, Jill Markgraf, Jill Prushiek, Chris Theo

Presiding: Chair Marquell Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

1. Approval of minutes from October 9, 2018
   - Motion to approve the minutes of October 9, 2018, as distributed. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously (8-0-0).

2. Provost 2017-2018 Academic Program Review Summaries
   - Will be speaking with Barron County soon regarding the program review process; the process is located in Handbook; external reviewer involved; department creates a self-evaluation; after two years department provides an update to follow-up on the recommended suggestions; Provost hopes to continue to meet with APC each fall, instead of in the spring when APC is discussing the current program reviews
   - Art & Design: Was undergoing program array discussion at same time as program review; never certain who was moving to Pablo, at one point it was Art & Design, Chris was thanked for his efforts and involvement throughout the process; department currently engaged in Strategic Plan; have a very public face, manage an art gallery on campus and will now be contributing to the art gallery at Pablo; excellent work with community in addition to students; were asked to review low and under-enrolled courses and offer larger class sizes; no longer offer Art Education; Provost is in support of BFA, ongoing conversations regarding BFA, the entire program with LE needing to fit within 120 credits will be a challenge
     - Questions: 1) Feasibility of a BFA model with proposed courses that are already low enrolled, provides another challenge – This is being addressed, creating a Strategic Plan and are very open to modifying things; 2) When will an update on BFA come back to APC – Departments must provide an update on recommended suggestions in two years
   - Communication and Journalism: Jan Larson was serving as interim department chair during program review, was elected chair; department participates in a lot of EDI and HIPs, carry a lot of SCH; very hardworking department; hoping that student-run activities (e.g., TV-10, radio station) try to incorporate more student experiences; have done a good job providing more opportunities in multi-media, providing students with more skills for after graduation; department has a very good advising system and was encouraged to serve as a model for other faculty and ARCC; reminded to offer electives beyond summer and winter
     - Questions: 1) Concern regarding the Spectator being a separate entity, integral to department but receives no funding through department (wholly reliant on Student Senate for funding), would seem that funding should come from CJ as well; rapid decrease in revenue due to advertising sales; model has substantially changed, but the University hasn’t done anything to help — Student Senate is working with them closely to get out of the red, students no longer receive a stipend for their work, considering offering a credit-bearing opportunity; 2) Concern regarding personnel-type suggestions
on the Review Form. Need to determine how they’ll be handled in future – Should be discussed but not in this venue, morale is low across campus, overburdened; will continue to feel pressure and emphasis on assessment/policies due to HLC arriving next September; APC and Provost did not comment on personnel issues on the Review Form, will be offering an academy to balance teaching and research for new faculty, will begin work soon on workload section of the Academic Master Plan, discussions will continue; personnel issues a different topic and need to be kept separate and not brought to APC, do need to be discussed but not with APC

- Library: Very creative; over 1,000 students attend their After Dark event; very engaging and dedicated staff; unique in that faculty and academic staff are members and AVC becomes an advocate for them; aware that many of them are serving on committees; haven’t been included in the Academic Master Plan or Campus Master Plan and should be; teach students both informally and formally; need to keep the Library front and center which Office of Provost will do; ex-officio Library member of APC now a voting member; also have a very public face, work with community/public
  - Question: 1) People from off-campus need a place to park to insure the public can interact with the Library, community has complained about the lack of handicapped parking near Library (on that side of campus in general), should be part of Master Plan, also have vehicles making deliveries, signage is confusing, not good business and not who we are – Provost will pass the word on. 2) How do we capture library support for faculty research? – Library is central to completing research but are always first in line when things are cut, they and their resources are needed, should be recognized as the academic department they are and not as a support department to be trimmed

- Other: Article from Inside Higher Ed circulated discussing elimination of programs by UW System, the draft was not approved, Provost will bring revised draft to APC for comments; Carmen has been involved with the change in education programs across UW System, four presentations by education deans are available for viewing on the Board of Regents’ web site

Chair Marquell Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Forcier
Secretary for the Meeting