MINUTES

Educational Policies and Planning

March 21, 1997

1.) Minutes from the last meeting were not available.

2.) Reviews of the degree programs in Nutrition and Environmental Health were moved to April 11.

3.) Prior to review of programs with low enrollments, Ayers announced she would abstain as a conflict of interest might be perceived given her current role with the Chancellor’s Office.

4.) Members began a lengthy discussion of the programs with low enrollments. The following actions were taken:

-- Counselor Education -- Motion passed to recommend retaining the program. The motion included a strong recommendation that the proposal be revised, and that faculty in the program seek accreditation within the next two years.

-- Biochemistry (B.S.) -- Motion passed to recommend approval. Members felt the degree could not reasonably be included as part of Multidisciplinary Studies.

-- Sociology (M.A.) -- Motion passed to recommend approval. Members felt the proposal could be strengthened by focusing more on the successful efforts to increase enrollment since the last review.

-- Art Education (M.A.Ed.) -- After discussion, the motion passed to consolidate the program as part of API 1002. For the minutes, members noted they supported the program and that its enrollments may increase given the statewide interest in A+ schools.

-- Reading Education (M.A.Ed.) -- Motion passed to retain, but strengthen proposal. Members felt the scope of the program should be broadened to include bilingualism. Further, members felt the program should establish a relationship with the foreign languages department, particularly with the faculty who teach Spanish.

-- Physics (M.A.) -- Motion passed to retain, but strengthen. Members did not agree with the proposal's argument that enrollments were low due to limited funding for research assistants (RAs). Members felt the program should seek extensive funding (especially grant support, for RAs. Members also felt the argument that the program was a low cost one was far from compelling.

-- Chemistry (M.S.) -- Motion passed to retain, but strengthen. Members felt this program should seek more grant support for RAs.

-- Geography (M.A.) -- Motion passed to retrain, but strengthen. Members felt the department should seek more grant funding for RAs. Members also recommended that the program focus on the GIS track, and that numerous editorial changes be made.
-- Pharmacology (Ph.D.) -- Motion passed to retain. Need for editorial changes was pointed out.

-- Physiology (Ph.D.) -- Postponed as a member was not present who had been asked to review the proposal.

5.) Members agreed to begin the April 4 meeting by reviewing requests for new programs. Following that, members will continue reviewing the programs with low enrollments. If there is not enough time on April 4 to complete this review, the remaining programs will be reviewed on April 11.

Respectfully submitted,

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