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PROGRAM REVIEW AND AWARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Minutes of March 26, 2010 meeting

Members Present

Patricia Bishop, Debopam Chakrabarti, Paul Dombrowski, Ahmad Elshennawy, Rich Gause, Patrick LiKamWa, David Ratusnik, Stephen Sivo, Harry Weger

Recorder

Tara Johnson

Guests Present

Mary Ann Feldheim, Chris Hawkins, Jay Jurie

Welcome and call to order: Dr. Paul Dombrowski called the meeting to order and a quorum was established.

Consideration of the MS in Urban and Regional Planning degree proposal: Drs. Mary Ann Feldheim, Chris Hawkins and Jay Jurie presented the Master of Science Program in Urban and Regional Planning proposal to the committee.

After listening to the presentation, the committee asked questions about the proposal and then analyzed the proposal against the eight criteria set out by the Board of Governors of the State University System. Each criterion was discussed amongst the committee and then voted on with a measure of *met with strength*, *met*, *met with weakness*, or *unmet*.

There was some concern about the library resources available to support this new program. Mr. Gause felt that the library's response in the proposal should be strengthened to indicate this concern especially when pertaining to the concentrations. Dr. Jurie noted that the main journals within this field are currently available on-line through the UCF library.

In addition, some of the areas that the committee thought could be strengthened in the proposal are:

- Introduction – explain the concept of “healthy community” with more emphasis on Orlando as a metro area
- Emphasize that Orlando is a central hub for state leaders in urban planning as well as for planning firms
- Explain more about the holistic approach of this program
- Discuss the planned high speed rail in relation to the program
- Emphasize the department's current experience with an undergraduate minor and a certificate already in place as well as the faculty's experience in graduate teaching within urban planning

Overall, the committee felt that the proposal was very strong and unanimously voted that the proposal move forward.

Additional meeting on April 30th. The committee decided to add an additional meeting on April 30th to discuss the PSM in Conservation Biology program proposal. This meeting will be from 10am-11:30 in MH 395.

The following people were assigned to review the graduate faculty reappointments from following departments for the meeting on April 23rd.

Math – Elshennawy, LiKam Wa, Weger

Nursing – Chakrabarti, Dombrowski, Sivo

Action items and adjournment. The next meeting will be on April 9th and the graduate faculty nominations from Physics and Accounting will be reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.