

Program Assessment and Review Council (PARC)
Minutes for Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Members present:

Z. Hlousek, J. Redman, K. Freeseemann, L. Haas, K. Janousek, M. Saint-Germain, J. Theurer, J. Strauss, S. Reddy, C. Lindsay, R. Richesson, R. De Leon, P. Halliday, B. McEneaney, M. Zhang

Guests:

J. Birmelle, C. Martin, F. Fata, G. Riposa, T. Johnson

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.
2. MSP, Minutes of May 3, 2006
3. Elections for PAR Council Offices
 - Zvonimir Hlousek elected Chair for 2006-2007 Academic Year
 - Kelly Janousek elected Vice-Chair for 2006-2007 Academic Year
 - Elizabeth McEneaney elected council Secretary for 2006-2007 Academic Year
4. Council members reflected and discussed the review process. The consensus is that the review process, while difficult in this transitional period is a positive and learning experience for programs as well as for UPRC teams. It is very important that the internal review team is flexible and accommodating. It has been pointed out that the College representative on UPRC can act as a facilitator but on rare occasions can also be an obstacle to the process. More care should be exercised by Colleges in selecting optimally impartial representative to UPRC. College assessment coordinators and College Deans can be of great help in the process.
It was also suggested that on some occasions it may be reasonable to prepare an anonymous survey of faculty in the program under review. Details of such survey are unspecified at this time. There is also a feel that tables required for the report should be standardized in some way. This issue will be addressed at some later time by a subcommittee appointed earlier by the Council.
5. UPRC for Translation and Interpretive Studies presented a report
Discussion – some modifications were suggested and accepted. See the final copy of the report on file.
MSP Self-Study for Translational and Interpretive Studies
MSP recommendations of UPRC for Translation and Interpretive Studies
6. UPRC for Anthropology Program presented a report
Dr. Troy Johnson, Department of Anthropology, Chair interim, contributed a statement to the report.
Discussion – many clarifications regarding the program and the Department were provided by the College Dean and Department Chair. For the final copy see the report on file.
MSP Self-Study for Anthropology Program
MSP recommendations of UPRC for Anthropology Program

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm