

Program Assessment and Review Council (PARC)
Minutes for Wednesday, May 3, 2006

Members present:

C. Linday, V. Novack, R. DeLeon, M. Saint-Germain, R. Richesson, P. Holiday, S. Reddy, J. Strauss, J. Theurer, A. Chassiakos, J. Redman, K. Freeseemann, G. Buchaman, L. Hass, Z. Hlousek, M. Zhang, K. Janousek,

Absent: K. Powers R. A. Cramer E. McEneaney P. Loan Le, J. Secour, A. Schafer

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.
2. Minutes of April 19, 2006 meeting were approved
Minutes of April 5, 2006 meeting were approved
3. Announcement: During May 17, 2006 meeting, Council members will be joined by newly elected representatives to PARC. PARC members for AY 2006-2007 will elect Council officers.
4. Review of PAR Council Calendar:
Status report for 2005-2006 Academic Year was reviewed.
 - Report for Center for Students Services is postponed for the Fall of 2006. Extra time is needed to allow the program to respond to the review report.
 - Presentation of UPRC for Anthropology is likely to be confirmed for May 3, 2006 meeting.
 - Presentation of UPRC for Interpretive studies is confirmed for Mar 3, 2006 meeting.Dr. M. Saint-Germain prepared a summary of accomplishments for 2005-2006 Academic Year. During 2005-2006 AY the Council has completed approximately 80% of reviews schedules.

Fall of 2006-2007 Calendar was reviewed
Plans for 2008-2009 Calendar were reviewed
Council will have to work on a very large number of cases in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 AY. A suggestion was made to look into a possibility of temporary extension of Council by adding new members. Proposal will be discussed at later date.
5. Miscellaneous:
 - a. Several PARC members will be available to carry out Program Review this summer. The FCS graduate Review visit by external review team is going to be scheduled sometime during the 3rd Summer session.

- b. The Pilot Program to review student transcripts and waivers were received. Dr. C. Lindsay and Dr. M. Saint-Germain described the topic to the Council. It was decided by consensus that some Council members will be asked to volunteer to help with determining whether students in some programs are getting credit for taking virtually the same class. It has been suggested that such review may serve as an additional tool in determination of the quality of the program.
- c. Council members began describing their impressions from the 1st year of program review. Issues discussed revolved mostly around the experience of working simultaneously with the external review team. Overall feeling was that this was a positive and more effective way to conduct the review.

6. Meeting was adjourned around 3:30 PM.

*These minutes have been approved