CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, HAYWARD
COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND RESOURCES

Approved as Amended

Minutes of the Meeting of November 16, 2000

Members Present: Carol Becker, Jennifer Eagan, Michael Hedrick, Jennifer Laherty, Jose Lopez, Jane Lopus (Chair), Eric Suess, and Mary Timney.

Members Absent: Robert Lin and Frank Martino

Guests: Brenda Bailey, Bette Felton, Eleanor Levine, and Alan Monat.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lopus at 2:05 PM in the President's Conference Room.

Approval of Agenda: M/S/P
Approved as amended.

Approval of the minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2000: M/S/P
Approved as corrected.

Report of the Chair:
• The Geology Department Five-Year Review is almost finished.
• Chair Lopus will keep in touch with Tom Hird, Theatre, as to the progress they are making on their Five-Year Review.
• Chair Lopus is still working on revising the Five-Year Program Review Schedule with the help of the Academic Senate Office.

Request from Economics for Postponement of Five-Year Review:
For a number of reasons, the Economics Department has requested a postponement of their Five-Year Review. The top two reasons were: 1) The Economics department was last reviewed in 1998-1999 although CAPR requested another outsider reviewer's report at that time; and 2) The current co-chairs explained that the department was currently undergoing an extensive curriculum revision and did not want the Five-Year Review inserted in the middle of this process since as a result of the revision they would have better information next year to prepare the Five-Year Review. CAPR members discussed their general concerns about granting extensions to departments since a number of such requests come in each year. CAPR carefully reviews requests and grants extensions on the basis of the arguments presented by the department and we want to be careful not to grant extensions for "frivolous" reasons.
Motion to grant postponement until 2001-2002. M/S/P [Yea 8, No 0, Abstentions 0]

Review of CAPR Response to the Math & Computer Science Five-Year Program Review:
Move to accept and send to Academic Senate. M/S/P [Yea 8, No 0, Abstentions 0]
Revision of the Interim Policies and Procedures for Five-Year Reviews and Plans and Coordination with the Guide to Regular (Tenure-Track) Faculty Hiring at California State University, Hayward, 2000-2005 (Committee A Report):

Michael Hedrick prepared a draft analysis of these two documents so that CAPR could discuss how they actually coordinate with one another. CAPR will place the discussion of the analysis on the November 30, 2000 agenda.

Five-Year Program Review for Health Sciences:
CAPR asked questions of the representatives from Health Sciences about their five-year program review. Bette Felton, Coordinator of the Health Sciences Program, and Brenda Bailey, Chair of the Nursing and Health Sciences Department, gave CAPR a brief history of the administrative decision to combine Health Sciences with Nursing a few years ago. It was logical to place Health Sciences with Nursing because it had the most in common with Nursing. The community based nursing faculty have felt comfortable working with and looking at the Health Sciences program. CAPR asked to have clarification about what Health Sciences is as an academic discipline. Bette explained that they are beginning to work on this very question. She added that graduates of the program should be prepared for lower level administrative positions in hospitals and other health care facilities or to go on to further graduate or credential education. A recent survey the department did of graduates showed that 19 out of 30 respondents did not know what they had been prepared for as graduates of the program. The philosophy of the founder of the health sciences program at CSUH wanted to prepare students as general health care citizens and the department is slowly trying to remedy this.

There are currently four options in the health sciences program. The department is re-working all of them. The business option is better defined than the other three. The others are 1) the educational training and facilitating option which will include a credential to teach health sciences, 2) the pre-professional option for those students wanting to go on to medical school or other professional studies, and 3) the environmental health option for those who might be interested in, for example, beginning level hazardous materials positions but who don’t want to take a heavy science load like the one for the environmental sciences major. The department is not proposing new courses in these options and other departments teach most options courses. The department is not seeking new tenure track hires at this time.

The rigor of the nursing program is being applied to enhance the health sciences program. The department did look at a few comparable programs in the CSU and many of them still focus on one aspect of health sciences, which often evolved around a single faculty member’s interest. CAPR commented that given the size of the minority population of students in health sciences (75%), it would be best to make sure the students knew the purpose of the program otherwise it seemed unethical to give students a degree that doesn’t do much for them. The department is very much aware of this and is working to build the identity of health sciences as an academic
discipline. The department also plans to track their graduates better.

CAPR will continue the discussion about the Health Sciences Five-Year Review at its November 30, 2000 meeting.

Five-Year Program Review for Psychology:
Eleanor Levine, past chair of Psychology, and Alan Monat, current chair of Psychology, met with CAPR to discuss their Five-Year Review. The department will be hiring a tenure track professor for social/organizational psychology. A new student psychology club has been formed. The department is not having much luck obtaining a room in the School of Science for Psychology students to meet in. The School may step in and find a room for all School of Science students to use.

CAPR noted that there is a seemingly high percentage of part-time faculty teaching courses. It looked like the department has added more sections of courses, but that the number of courses taught by regular full-time faculty has remained constant. The department representatives replied that part-time faculty usually teach 40% of classes.

The department distributed to CAPR copies of a completed alumni survey they will send out soon. They hope to gather information to plan the direction they should be heading over the next few years. In previous surveys, graduates have noted that though they disliked having to take so many science courses, they were very valuable classes to have once they graduated. The department struggles to get students to recognize that what they’re learning is useful.

CAPR asked why they thought enrollment was dropping in the department. This seems to be a national trend and is happening throughout the CSU, more so in the North than in the South. When the economy is strong, people decide they do not need a degree to find employment.

The department has eight new computers that are being set up for their students. The department will be faced with a number of faculty retirements in the next few years. The department sees this as an opportunity to focus their program, but they will also need to replace some of these faculty members.

Motion to accept the Psychology Department Five-Year Review without modification to the program.
M/S/P [Yea 7, No 0, Abstentions 0]
Jose Lopez will write CAPR's response to the review.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Laherty, Secretary