Minutes of the Meeting of May 18, 2000

Members Present: Tom Acord-Chair, Frank Martino, Michael Hedrick, Sandra Heisey, Jennifer Laherty, Jane Lopus, Bijan Mashaw Susan Opp, Susan Sunderland.

Members Absent: Asoke Basu, Francisco Flamenco, and Mary Timney.

Guests: Bruce Trumbo and Eric Seuss.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Acord 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 May 11, 2000: M/S/P
The minutes were approved as amended.

Report of the Chair: No report.

Report of the Vice President, Academic Affairs: No report

Five Year Program Review - Physical Sciences:
Motion to recommend discontinuance of the Physical Sciences Program.
M/S/P [Yea 9, No 0, Abstentions 0]
Sue Opp and Michael Hedrick will write CAPR's response.

Review of CAPR responses for Program Review of History:
Motion to pass along to the Executive Committee.
M/S/P [Yea 9, No 0, Abstentions 0]

Five Year Program Review - Statistics:
The Statistics department is largely unaware of how many majors they have because they are often noted as a student's second major and the computer system is not able to count second majors. The M.S. program is larger than the B.S. There are approximately a dozen M.S. students graduated each year. Half of the department's teaching load is in service courses. As such, many engineering students as well as others throughout the University take statistic courses required by their major.

The future of the department looks exciting. They are pursuing the possibility of having
an actuarial program; perhaps an option in the M.S. at almost no expense. They may also offer undergraduate and graduate seminars targeting actuarial sciences. They are doing one such seminar this summer.

The department lost their teaching assistants in the early 1990's and these positions have not reappeared. The department has fully funded three, soon to be four, scholarships. The alumni of the Statistics department are a major strength. The department knows where almost all of their graduates are and often invite them back to campus for various events.

The department aggressively uses their web site to recruit graduate students. Professor Trumbo indicated that nationally, master's programs for statistics are bigger than bachelor programs. However, now that there is a statistics presence in highschools, the undergraduate program may increase - but it will probably never be larger than the M.S. program.

The certificate in statistics is often taken by those students who either start the M.S. and determine it's not what they want or those who simply need a coherent package of statistics courses.

Motion to accept the Statistics Department Five Year Review without modification to the program.

M/S/P [Yea 8, No 0, Abstentions 0]

Jane Lopus will write CAPR's response to the review.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

Submitted by,
Jennifer Laherty, Secretary