ICC Meeting
February 2, 2010

Members Present: Jeff Abell, Christina Accomando, Jodie Baker, Jená Burges, Mary Ann Creadon, Hillary Dashiell, Valerie Green, Elizabeth Harrington, Mary Kay, Sue MacConnie, Cindy Moyer (Chair), Dale Oliver, John Reiss, Brandon Schwab, Ronnie Swartz, Eric Van Duzer, Harry Wells, Beth Wilson

Guest Present:  Stephen Steinberg

Chair Report:

Chair Cindy Moyer indicated that Provost Snyder has directed the ICC to delay reviewing prioritization responses dealing with elimination until the present expedited elimination process is complete.   The latter may result in elimination of some of those programs.  ICC should continue looking at minors.

Academic Policy Committee Discussion Item.   The ICC constitution states "Changes and proposals developed by the APC wil be vetted through the ICC with recommendations forwarded to the Senate."  The question was whether the intent of that statement meant "approval by ICC" or "feedback from ICC".

After discussion, it was decided that the latter would be the procedure adopted, meaning the ICC will give feedback to the APC concerning such matters.  If proposals have approval of both the APC and ICC, should carry more weight in Senate's consideration.  It is more efficient if ICC handles questions rather than Senate and gives feedback to APC.  The ICC will function as a consultative body on policies being developed in APC.

 Program Planning and Assessment Subcommittee Report:  Beth Wilson gave an overview of the history of assessment on campus, from 2006 with different units employing different approaches to standardization of expectations (with College Curriculum Committees' recommendations and UCC actions last year).  She indicated that there were still many department reports missing. DCG, critical thinking, oral communication, and Area E are presently being evaluated using the standardization set up last year.  Working on a plan for Area C and D.

WASC reviewers are outcomes and GE outcomes assessment experts, so hopeful that we will get guidance from team to help the campus envision how to proceed.

Program Review Process Revision—timeline is that it will come to ICC by next fall, be at the Senate in Spring, in place for  Fall 2011.  The interim process is now occurring (which was approved by Senate in December, 2009).  WASC is doing in-depth audits of three program reviews—Math, English, Nursing; we anticipate their feedback will help in framing the revision of HSU program review process.

Academic Master Planning Subcommittee Report:

Wastewater Masters Program: The department agrees to this elimination.  AMP  recommends elimination and the ICC accepted the recommendation.

Interim Program Review Process—The Senate didn't set a timeline except for the initial submission.  AMP set timelines at our last meeting for other levels of review.

Vice Provost briefly reviewed the process, which involves compilation of documents already developed over past three years (e.g., prioritization report) that enable a good view of the department, with a short narrative (2-5 pages) by the department  to fill in any information gaps.  Goes to Dean for review, with Dean and department developing an MOU for actions and expectations for the department.  That MOU comes to ICC subcommittee and then ICC for review in relation to larger institutional priorities and the ICC gives feedback to department and Dean.  The final version of MOU is forwarded to Senate as an informational item and to Provost.

The latter part of this process, formation of MOU and its review by ICC with feedback, is piloting a process that is seen as the general direction in which Program Review will be revised.

Course and Degree Change Subcommittee:  Mohsen Modarres is new member (replacing Christian Itin).

Deadline for 2011-2012 catalog:  April 19, 2010—for program changes arrived by that date, and approved  by Senate by December 2010, will be in 2011-12 catalog.  For individual course changes, deadline is October 11, 2010; these must be approved by December 2010 by Senate to be in catalog.

Discussion of GIS Offerings:

As part of their response to prioritization, NRPI originally recommended elimination of GIS option as major track  due to low enrollment in the option. Then, an initiative involving coordinating with community colleges came forward. NRPI wanted to see if this track might benefit, and benefit from, this initiative.  So they requested that the elimination be pulled off the Senate agenda until they had time to review this possibility.  They now recommend suspension instead.

Also, the Provost requested that ICC examine how GIS offerings across campus might be better coordinated.

Recommendation from AMP:  to suspend the current GIS option in NRPI, and to form an ad-hoc committee to address the most efficient/effective ways to teach GIS skills at HSU. Many of present offerings are applications/tools of how GIS applies in specific discipline.  Maybe we should shift to a conceptual framework of GIS on intro level, and focus on UD courses like GIS in Social Sciences, GIS in Natural Sciences, etc.  Ad hoc committee would consist of a

representative of departments—Forestry, Geography, Geology, NRPI, Sociology, ITS rep, Vice-Provost, Associate Deans from Colleges involved.

Possible revised certificate may come out of this coordinated effort. Many students do not want to be NRPI major, but want to learn the skills for other disciplines.

Stephen Steinberg suggested including CoPS because of business applications. Also discussed that geo-spatial field is broader than GIS—GIS, computer cartography, imaging from space, etc. GeoSpatial housed all over disciplines. In CSU, usually in Geography. Core Curriculum consists of a national listing of courses to cover. HSU and San Diego have programs that are most developed. He also indicated that in the discussion, a decision would need to be made as to whether to list courses with its own code—GeoSpatial courses—or list courses from departments in catalogue together, like DCG, GE area courses, etc.

ICC accepted recommendation of AMP, with an addition of a CoPS faculty person to ad hoc committee, as well as Associate Dean from CoPS.

Discussion: ICC as Paperless Committee

Try to go paperless—meet in CMS lab, or computer cart in library fishbowl, NHW lab? AMP will meet in Gist Hall 211to try out space.