Academic Priorities Council
Minutes: September 20, 2012


2. Election of a new chair was held. Richard Bogartz was elected.

3. Lori Clarke, Professor and Chair of Computer Science, presented a supporting case for the establishment of a School of Computer Science. Among the points raised were: that Computer Science relates to departments all over campus; it is oriented outward in its interdisciplinary character; a school would make this extensive interaction with other departments more visible; they have started a BA degree along with their BS degree so more students will be able to be dual majors; they are implementing an Informatics degree for work in applied Computer Science which initially involves three areas: Big data; Health Informatics; and Multimedia. They do not need additional resources beyond what they expect to accrue from more students enrolling in their programs. Some discussion followed. Bryan Harvey then moved that the APC recommend approval of the formation of a School of Computer Science. The motion was seconded by John Kingston. Following brief additional discussion the motion passed unanimously.

4. Richard Bogartz then initiated a discussion of the backlog of proposals under review and how the Council can remove it. It was decided to meet more frequently until the backlog has been eliminated as much as possible. The council decided to meet on Oct. 4, Oct. 18, and Nov. 1. We will also seek to determine which of the proposals have been acted on by other councils and give those proposals priority.

Elizabeth Chilton agreed to inquire concerning the • Joint M.S./J.D. in Labor Studies and Law and Graduate Certificate in Labor Studies to see if they are still in play. (She reported later that the Certificate is no longer in play so it will be deleted from the list of proposals under review.)

5. We will be considering the Joint M.S./J.D. in Labor Studies and Law, the Dual MPPA/MRP, the MBA with a Focus in Entrepreneurship and the MBA with a Focus in Marketing at the October 4th meeting.