1. Minutes of September 18th meeting were approved.

2. The Council discussed the possibility of creating a template for program proposals and revisions that incorporates the range of information sought by the Council in its evaluation process. Proposals are reviewed by multiple Councils who evaluate different aspects of the proposal. A revision of the current template would need to go to the Rules Committee. The APCs function is to prioritize programs. Proposals should demonstrate how the programs fit with the mission of the campus, student need for the program, and resources needed. The Program Approval Form and the Program Revision Form require different types of information. The Council considered the possibility of having a single form that requires the range of information sought by all of the councils reviewing the proposals.

3. The Council reviewed three programs in Computer Science, a revision of the requirements for a Minor in Computer Science, a revision of the BS program in Computer Science, and a proposed BA program in computer science. The Minor in Computer Science is designed to encourage more students to pursue interdisciplinary study incorporating Computer Science. Students pursuing a BA degree would typically be seeking technological skills that would complement multidisciplinary career interests. The BA degree would also allow students to pick up a double major while maintaining the required 120 credits for graduation. Students pursuing a dual degree involving a BA in Computer Science would need 150 credits for graduation. Students pursuing a BS in Computer Science are typically interested in becoming computer programmers or pursuing graduate studies in Computer Science. The revised BS degree would allow students to get into advanced courses earlier.

a. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Computer Science Minor revision. The Council was enthusiastic about the potential for the minor to encourage interdisciplinary study and to prepare students for a changing workplace which values technological skills.

b. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Computer Science Bachelor of Arts (BA). The Council was enthusiastic about the potential for the program to encourage interdisciplinary degrees among students and to prepare students for a changing workplace which values technological skills. The degree offers the potential for students in complementary disciplines to attain a dual degree. The Council also viewed favorably the potential of the BA degree to encourage more students to enter the field of computer science and gain a degree.
c. The Council voted unanimously to approve the Computer Science Bachelor of Science (BS) revision. The revision was viewed favorably in light of the changing technological environment, the rigor of the degree in preparing students for careers in programming or for graduate study in Computer Science, and the potential for students in complementary disciplines to attain a dual degree.

4. The Council discussed steps needed to evaluate the Graduate degree proposals in Film Studies and Public History. The APC first reviewed the proposals in December of 2007 and formulated questions to be sent to the Graduate Council. It was not clear whether the Graduate Council received the questions. The APC chair (K. Debevec) will contact Linda Shea of the Graduate Council to determine if the questions were received and/or if they could respond to the questions. If responses are unavailable, the program proposers should be contacted to respond to the questions either verbally or in writing, and potentially attend the next APC meeting.