

## Academic Program Review Council

Minutes of March 29, 2012. 2:30-4:30 pm, Swenson 1007

**Members Present:** Kropid, Stocker; Tucker; Jacobs

### **Announcements:**

- The updated timeline was accepted by the Faculty Senate on Tuesday March 27.
- Jacobs reported to the Council on an email communication with the Chair of Senate: "APRC hasn't approved our minutes while we are discussing the reviews. We meet, we discuss, but that discussion will come out in the formal responses to the departments. Drafts of the responses for HHP and Comm are being worked on this week. Natural Science seems to be making a serious effort, and we have given them a mid-April deadline. We are also looking at the revised SSCI and still working out how to make it provide more meaningful feedback. One element that we've been holding on has been related to BRC, which has really just reached the point of intersection in their lengthy work this year."

**Review:** Kropid and Stocker provided drafts based on prior discussion.

Draft executive summaries were reviewed. Council determined that we would also try the SWOT box method used last year for HBJD to identify specific areas for comment at a deeper level.

Council discussed how to balance specific feedback with global statements, realizing that we will get more specific in a more detailed response. This could be a starting point for that more detailed response. Council found helpful the method of sandwiching positive and negative feedback, which tends to minimize the likelihood of a defensive response.

Stocker and Kropid will modify the executive summaries by early next week.

**Other:** none