

## Academic Program Review Council

Minutes of November 1, 2012 2:30-3:20 pm, Swenson 2005

Members Present: Jacobs; Li; Rosenberg; Stocker.

Excused: Iwen (class conflict)

Guest: Provost Hensrud

### **Natural Sciences Review, Chapter 5: Discussion:**

The Council commends the NS department for exempting first-year faculty from advisement responsibilities.

It was noted that faculty mentoring is not currently evaluated as a criterion for promotion, tenure, etc.; should this be changed?

p.76: An explanation of why the Animal Care Committee was needed would have been helpful.

Question 9: The Chemistry/Physics response here is exemplary. The Biology response does not directly address how that program values people.

Question 11: The Biology program response was commended.

General Comment: Many resource needs are mentioned or can be inferred from the narrative, yet these needs are not directly addressed in the appropriate section of the document (Chapter 6).

General Comment: The lack of cohesion among programs in the NS department should be addressed through an active examination of processes within the department; some programs see this lack of cohesion as a concern, while others seem to value their isolation.

### **Recommend revisions to the Self-Study document:**

The Provost noted that the departmental annual report should be consulted when considering revisions to the SSCI document, so as to better integrate the processes.

SSCI Chapter 5 Question 6, "*How do you provide for workplace health and safety, if appropriate?*": Can it be eliminated? We have a university office dedicated to this; it is not the responsibility of individual departments.

**Next meeting:** Discussion of NS review, Chapter 6.