

Academic Planning Council Minutes  
Wednesday, February 19, 2020  
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM  
3609 Engineering Hall

Attending: M. Arnold; W. Block; E. Borbely, C. Brace; E. Harris; G. Nellis; D. Noyce; B. Pfleger;  
I. Robertson; M. Romero; O. Schmitz; B. Van Veen

Absent: L. DeBaillie; G. Harrington; D. Thelen; C. Walters; A. Whitehorse

Guest: A. Strzelec

Motion to approve January meeting minutes passed unanimously.

Motion to recommend the suspension and discontinuation of the M.Eng. in Mechanical Engineering program passed (6-yes; 1-abstain).

Direct Admit Retention Update:

Manuela presented data on student retention rates following the move to direct admission to departments; direct admit has positively affected retention rates. Comparison with peer institutions: 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> year retention rates not readily available; don't have 4-year graduation rates yet. Will be able to compare these data once available.

Admissions is doing a better job identifying students that will be successful.

Work on identifying ways to attract students to departments that have capacity for more students.

Professor of Research/Professor of Teaching Guidelines:

The draft CoE guidelines for the Professor of Research and the Professor of Teaching titles were discussed.

Teaching Professor:

Differentiate between lecturers/instructors and those individuals that are "professional educators" involved in curriculum development, teaching and assessment innovation.

Concerns were raised regarding the statement in section III, which states that an individual in this title is not allowed to conduct research; needs clarification to allow for education / pedagogy research. Progression through these titles might be similar to current tenure-track positions.

Research Professor:

May be helpful in retaining scientists as they could be moved to the Professor of Research title.

Mike Arnold to collect additional comments on the guidelines.

Professor of Practice title now available.