

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT APRIL 2016

APC met on Wednesday March 9, 2016 to discuss a new Program leading to a BA in Sustainability. In addition to eight members of the APC, Dr. David Simpson and several colleagues from the Department of Urban and Public Affairs attended the meeting. In general, the Committee felt that the proposal was well written and the Program was clearly presented. During the discussion, several points were discussed that Committee members felt would be beneficial to clarify in the proposal prior to presenting the Program to the Faculty Senate. These points are summarized below:

- 1) A description of how the Department of Urban and Public Affairs has increased its teaching capacity and how this will provide a buffer against the possible budget cuts that might occur in the near future should be included.
- 2) It would be beneficial to define Sustainability in the Introduction on page 2 of the proposal.
- 3) A Table listing some of the organizations that have agreed to cooperate with the Program for Internships should be included. Also, the expected outcomes from Internships and how these will be assessed should be mentioned.
- 4) The proposal should indicate that specific rubriks to assess the learning outcomes will be implemented.
- 5) A statement to ensure the Senate that the courses outside of your Department will be offered on a regular and ongoing basis and that your Dean is committed to helping see that this occurs would be beneficial.
- 6) Include a list of Faculty who will contribute to teaching in the Program, and state the current enrollment in existing academic Programs run by the Dept. (or refer to an updated web page).
- 7) Clarify the difference in student number that is stated on pages 5 and 24, and delete the text duplication on page 17.

Respectfully Submitted,

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