November 7, 2018
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. / AS-125

**Members Present:** Jody Cormack, Sharlene Sayegh, Brenda Vogel, Nielan Barnes, Kerry Klima, Hyeesoo Chung, Elaine Frey, Adam Kahn, Houng-Wei Tsai, Mark Washburn, Mariah Proctor Roger Lo, Jessica Pandya, Erlyana Erlyana, Kirstyn Chun

**Members Excused:** Juan Apitz, Gabriel Gardner, LaRese Hubbard

**Members Absent:** Yu Ding, Mishelle Laws, Paulina Jones

**Guests:** Forouzan Golshani, Hamid Rahai

- Meeting Called to Order (2:02)
- Approval of Agenda as amended (2:04)
- Approval of the Minutes: October 17, 2018 (posted on Beachboard) (2:0)
- Announcements (2:04)
  - Reminder: PARC Members are enrolled in the PARC BeachBoard organization and business is conducted electronically via BeachBoard. Council members access the PARC BeachBoard via their student tab. Please bring your electronic device or printed material to the meeting.
  - Next PARC meeting is December 5, 2018 in AS-125 at 2pm.
  - We will not hold our December 19, 2018 meeting
- New Business: Program Review Presentations:
  - 2:10 pm Joint PhD in Engineering and Industrial Applied Mathematics (Sally Chung)
    Dean Golshani and Associate Dean Rahai thanked the committee for their work. Dean Golshani commented on the importance of the program for the university and the college. They attract excellent research faculty who enjoy working with students in this program. Dean Golshani asked the committee to reconsider their recommendations to the college; COE cannot increase funding without receiving additional funding from the university. It was supported at the academic affairs level in the past but does not receive the same level of support now.
    Associate Dean Rahai provided several program updates:
    - The name of the program has been changed to Engineering and Computational Mathematics; this change the name of the program reflects the content of the program.
    - They are exploring infrastructure changes to increase graduation rates
    - Admissions are very competitive; they only admit students who will have a faculty advisor with whom they can work.
    - They did have a mixer with all the current and former Ph.D. students and faculty and plan to continue this once a semester
    - Lack of financial support is a huge issue.
    The Committee voted to table the recommendations in order to modify them to be in alignment with the program structure; the program is under the college and is not a “department” per se.
o 2:40 pm (time certain) Classics Program (Houng-Wei Tsai)
   Jody Cormack outlined the history of the program; this program used to be part of the
   Department of Comparative World Literature and Classics. The department was recently
   split into two separate programs. The presentation was not delivered because of a
   scheduling mix up with the program. It will be rescheduled for a later date.

- Unfinished Business:
  o New UPRC Templates (2:40)
    The Committee discussed modifying the template to include a brief description of the
    program structure (options, units, concentrations, etc.)
  o Program review UPRC activity updates (2:50)

- Adjournment (3:00)