MPC Report to Full Faculty 2 22 08

Chair: Lynda Mackin

Council Members: Meg Scott, Jane Hirsch, Ruth Malone, Dorrie Fontaine (Ex officio); Student representatives: Jovie DeLeon Luck; Dana Genser, Damon Williams, Ralf Burgert, John Merriman, Joe Clement.

MPC has met six times since the beginning of the 2007-2008 academic year.

Highlights of Council activities 9/07 to 2/22/08:

Curriculum Revision Project:
Council members have sought support for this project by presenting at Faculty Council and department meetings, fielding questions at monthly forums, meetings with administration, and by encouraging/fostering student involvement. The council has formed a five member core faculty team and have met to discuss work plans and to set goals for the next six months. Core faculty team members are: Meg Scott, JoAnne Saxe, Mary Lynch, Susan Janson and Lynda Mackin. Support from the Deans’ Office in the form of TA or RA support, travel/conference attendance support, administrative support and funding for a grant writer has been assured. Departmental support has been requested and will be negotiated on an individual basis.

Curricular/Program Issues:
The Nurse Midwifery Program requested MPC’s approval to resume offering the Women’s Health NP Certificate option to their students. MPC approved this request.

The Acute Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner Program (ACPNP) and the Neonatal NP program director requested MPC approval of two HRSA grant proposals. MPC approved these proposals.

Admission Policies:
MPC proposed and solicited feedback from department on dropping the GRE exam admission requirement. Each specialty program was asked to make a decision for their program. MPC enacted a trial period of suspending the GRE requirement for 2008 admissions, effective November 2007.

MS Graduate Alumni Survey:
MPC members worked closely with Teresa Scherzer in designing and refining the MS Graduate Alumni Survey tool.