I. Degree: B.S. Dietetics

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PRC Status Report Liaison: Nancy Schofield

Date of Last Review: Completed February 17, 2006

II. Previous Review: The PRC recommends that the Dietetics program continue to be one of UW-Stout's degree programs for the ongoing seven-year cycle, that recommendations made by the committee be implemented, and that an abbreviated status report on unresolved issues be filed in Fall 2008.

Required status report (due December 1, 2008) – “The status report will consist of the applicable college or office responding to the following questions during the Fall of 2008. The program director of the Dietetics Program is asked to answer all of the following questions. If an issue has not been resolved, the relevant dean will be asked to submit an explanation for that question.”

1. Questions concerning College of Human Development

What is the status of the requested professional counseling center? Where is it located? Is it adequately furnished (including equipment)? Is there sufficient support and staff for operation? Describe how the facility is being used.

Further information  Carolyn Barnhart met with the Lab Modernization Committee and took them on a tour of the counseling center facility on December 15th. The Lab Modernization Committee minutes recommended that the remodeling of HE 240 be referred for funding in the area of small projects. Bob Peters and Carolyn Barnhart have scheduled a meeting with Shirley Klebesadel to discuss how to proceed in completing a funding request. Unfortunately it is not known whether there will be any funds available from this source in the near future.

Response Summary  The situation with the counseling lab has improved, but is in a "make do" state. The possibility of a "small projects" grant does not look good. No other sources of funding were suggested.

2. Question concerning Career Services (Dean of Students)
Is Career Services able to provide the needed support to assist Dietetics students in receiving competitive internship placements?

Response Summary  The program addressed this issue by creating and requiring a new required one credit course, FN-408 Pre-Professional Development. This course, in conjunction with the continued services of the Career Services Office, is meeting the student needs. The department should be commended for their efforts to provide their students with this support.

3. Questions concerning College of Arts and Sciences

Are Dietetics students able to take the needed science courses in a timely manner? Are the needed courses offered at least once a year? Are there sufficient openings in these courses for the number of students who need to take it each year?

   BIO-234 Physiology and Anatomy for Health Sciences
   CHEM-125 Principles of Chemistry for Health Sciences
   CHEM-201 Organic Chemistry
   CHEM-311 Biochemistry

Response Summary  Some improvement is seen in providing the students with the science courses used in the major. Much of the change appears to be the result of adjusting the program requirements and substitutions. The science departments appear to be trying to meet student needs by offering some courses each semester and offering additional sections. However, the availability of science classes continues to cause difficulties for some Dietetics students. One issue appears to be that course times and dates continue to change. Otherwise there does not appear to be a specific cause that can be addressed by the Dean or Chairs.

III. Committee Findings:

The B.S. Dietetics Program Director and faculty should be recognized for the adjustments and offerings they have made to meet these challenges. The counseling center is available in rudimentary form awaiting funding.