
College of Letters and Science Academic Planning Council
Annual Report to L&S Faculty Senate, AY 2004-2005

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Gary Sandefur, Dean

Elected Council Members

Richard Brualdi, Mathematics	Linda Graham, Botany
Barbara (Suzy) Buenger, Art History	Joan Hall, DARE
Jim Burt, Geography	Dan Hausman, Philosophy
Morton Gernsbacher, Psychology	Carla Love, German

Observers

Charles N. Halaby (Associate Dean for the Social Sciences)
Magdalena Hauner (Associate Dean for the Humanities)
Elaine Klein (Director, Academic Planning, Program Review, and Assessment)
Lucy Mathiak (Director, Communications and College Relations)
Cathy Meschievitz (Associate Dean, International Institute)
Jon Miller (Interim Associate Dean for Research and Outreach Services)
Judi Roller (Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs – Sem I; Associate Dean, Special Projects – Sem II)
Maggie Roth (Associate Dean for Budget and Finance)
Herb Wang (Associate Dean for the Natural Sciences)
Nancy Westphal-Johnson (Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education; Interim Associate Dean for Student Academic Affairs – Sem II)

Overview

The Academic Planning Council continues to advise the dean on key program, curricular and fiscal matters. The list of academic initiatives approved in 2004-2005 appears below. As has been the case in recent years, most of these endeavors focused on refinements to existing curricula, and on reconfiguring or building on existing strengths. In these ways, departments and programs have been able to make creative use of scarce resources. Nonetheless, resources continue to be a concern for the college, and the council's discussions frequently included updates on developments in the state's progress toward arriving at a biennial budget agreement and on the university's capital campaign. Dean Sandefur also frequently consulted the council on matters related to the future of the college and strategic planning, an area in which discussions continue.

Activities since last report to L&S Senate (8 November 2004)

Approval Items:

- **Degree, Certificate, and other Academic Programs**
 - New Dual Degree Program: M.P.A. and Ph.D. in Neuroscience (Robert M. LaFollette School of Public Affairs and UW-Medical School, Neuroscience Training Program)
 - New PhD Minor: Global Studies
- **Centers and Institutes**
 - New Center: Center for Plasmas in the Laboratory and in Astrophysics (Department of Physics)
 - New Institute: Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions (Religious Studies Program)
- **Changes to Existing Programs**
 - Request to Rename an Academic Program: Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies Program
 - Request to Establish Formal Options Within a Program: Master of Arts - Communication Arts

Requests for Comment on Non-L&S Programs:

- UW-Madison:
 - College of Engineering: Certificate in International Engineering
 - Medical School – Center for Global Health, Certificate in Global Health
- Other UW System Institutions:
 - UW-Milwaukee: PhD in Social Work
 - UW-Milwaukee: PhD in Communication
 - UW-Oshkosh: BA in Fire Emergency

Policy and Planning Discussions:

- UW-Madison/UW System Biennial Budget Updates
- Strategic Planning in L&S
- Academic Assessment Activities in the College of Letters and Science (L&S Assessment Plan Update Project)
- Trends in Degrees, Majors and Certificates (http://wiscinfo.doit.wisc.edu/obpa/degrees/degrees_current.htm)
- SAA Futures Project
- Capital Campaign Updates
- Revision of L&S Undergraduate Degree Requirements (Approved by L&S Senate 4/11/05)

Program Reviews

In 2004-2005, L&S completed reviews of three departments and two interdisciplinary academic programs. These units are responsible for a total of six majors offered at the undergraduate and graduate levels:

- African Languages and Literature (Major Code 018 – BA, BS, MA and PhD)
- Astronomy (Major Code 094 – MS and PhD in Astronomy; Major Code 097 – BA and BS in Astronomy-Physics)
- Botany (Major Code 121 – BA, BS, MS and PhD)
- Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies (Major Code 553 – BA, BS and MA)
- Molecular Biology (Major Code 684 – BA and BS)

The College also completed a review of the L&S Student Academic Affairs Advising Group.

A number of reviews were in progress in 2004-2005. These included reviews of the Departments of Art History, Computer Sciences, Languages and Cultures of Asia, and Mathematics; the Legal Studies major and Criminal Justice Certificate Program; and the LaFollette School of Public Affairs. The council also reviewed materials related to accreditation reviews of the School of Music and the School of Social Work.

This report was approved by the L&S Academic Planning Council on March 22, 2006.

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