

College of Letters and Science Academic Planning Council – Notes

Approved October 2, 2012

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

304 South Hall (Dean's Conference Room)

Chair: Gary Sandefur

Members present: Kate Bartlett, Harry Brighthouse, Diane Gooding, John Hawks, Clark Johnson, Maria Muniagurria, Jennifer Noyes, Matt Turner

Observers: Marianne Bird-Bear, Maria Cancian, Susan Ellis-Weismer, Gery Essenmacher, Lucy Mathiak, Nancy Westphal-Johnson, Eric Wilcots, , Sue Zaeske, Kimbrin Cornelius

Absent: Elaine Klein, Anne Gunther, DeVon Wilson, Jon Sorenson (Note: Jan Edwards is on sabbatical 12-13 and Caroline Levine has a scheduling conflict Fall 2012; *ad hoc* replacements will be appointed)

Guest: Karl Scholz (Chair, Department of Economics)

1. Welcome and Introductions. GS introduced new members and observers Kate Bartlett (Mathematics, classified staff), John Hawks (Anthropology, also Chair of the L&S Curriculum Committee), Diane Gooding (served last year as the L&S CC chair, returning as an elected member) Marianne Bird-Bear (International Studies), Matt Turner (Geography), thanked Maria Muniagurria (Economics) for extending her term, and noted Kimbrin Cornelius will be taking notes this year instead of Elaine.
2. Announcements. (a) Dean Sandefur will be retiring from his position at the end of the academic year; a committee will be formed in October for the selection of the next dean. GS described the selection process and timeline. (b) A new Chancellor search will also take place this year, GS summarized the selection process and timeline for this as well.
3. Notes from May 1, 2012 were approved by members present at that meeting.
4. Orientation to the work of the Council. GS summarized the work of the council, noting the L&S council focuses on review, approval, and assessment of programs, review of substantial changes to the academic organization of the college, and other questions on which the dean seeks advice. He also described the Faculty Policies and Procedures related to the work of the council and membership. JN noted that some procedures need to be updated.
5. Updates.
 - a. GS reported that the UAPC had approved several items since the last APC meeting:
 - i. Creation of the certificate in Digital Studies
 - ii. Creation of the post-baccalaureate certificate in Communication Science and Disorders
 - iii. Completion of the joint review of the Doctor of Audiology, and transferal of that program to Grad School oversight
 - iv. Approval of the request to rename Communicative Disorders to "Communication Science and Disorders". GS noted that this will be reported to the Faculty Senate this semester.
 - b. Previously considered matters:
 - i. Review of the Joint Doctoral Program in Mass Communication (School of Journalism & Mass Communication, Life Sciences Communication). The Graduate School adopted the recommendation to convene a committee charged with working out procedural questions. MC reported that the first meeting of this committee has been scheduled.

- ii. College of the Arts: GS provided an update on UAPC discussions (minutes of that meeting were shared with the council); the UAPC recommended that planning continue, with the goal of addressing L&S questions. The University Committee has also asked that a list of financial questions be addressed before the proposal can be considered.
6. Preview of the year ahead.
- a. Regular business. GS described the regular ongoing business of the council, including academic programs reviews that are in play, new reviews, and annual report to L&S Senate.
 - b. Educational Innovations. The APC has consulted with L&S Admin staff about “innovations”, including creation of revenue generating programs. Other innovations include curricular redesign to create additional flexibility within the department budget (e.g., restructuring a grad program to increase fellowships or serve other departmental needs).
 - c. Critical Compensation Fund (CCF). GS described the CFF exercise, which will start this year. All L&S faculty will be reviewed within a 3-year period for salary raises. In addition, about 33% of academic and classified staff will be reviewed for increases through the fund.
 - d. HR Redesign. A report will soon be released regarding recommendations for the new HR process. Some of these may be controversial (changes to classifications of staff, accrual of vacation).
 - e. Dean’s search. The APC will likely be involved in the process of searching for a new dean.
 - f. A new campus-level resource allocation model. A new model for allocating campus resources has been proposed. GS noted that the goal is to allocate resources based on the services divisions are providing to the university, taking into account credits, majors, research and other areas, instead of relying what was done the previous year. This will be discussed further in future APC meetings.
 - g. Review of the Institute for Biology Education. The APC will be asked to comment on the review.
 - h. Other topics, as they arise.
7. Action item: Proposal to create a new “named option” in the Master of Science – Economics degree program (Economics). MC led discussion. The department seeks to create a new option within the existing Masters of Science-Economics. This option will prepare students for admission into a high quality PhD program. This Educational Innovation is intended to generate revenue to help the Economics department continue to support high quality undergraduate and graduate education. The department also requests permission to discontinue a moribund Masters of Arts-Economics program. In discussion, members asked about overlap between the proposed program and more ‘applied’ graduate programs and courses. KS clarified that the main focus is academic economic theory, and does not overlap with more applied programs at the university. Students will also gain depth in econometrics, a key marketable skill if they do not continue into a PhD program. Members noted these econometrics courses would be beneficial for graduate students in other programs as well. Members asked how many faculty would be pulled away from undergraduate courses to teach the 7 new courses. KS noted existing faculty would teach the new courses. Four will be taught by faculty previously teaching undergraduate courses; those undergraduate courses will then be taught by a new lecturer (selected through a national search). Three will be taught by overload of existing faculty. A motion to approve the proposal carried unanimously to create a new “named option” in the Master of Science – Economics degree program. A second motion was approved unanimously to discontinue the Master of the Arts program.

The meeting adjourned at: 2:25 pm

Submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, Curricular Administration Specialist