College of Letters and Science Academic Planning Council *(approved May 7)*
Tuesday, April 2, 2013
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
101 South Hall (Dean's Conference Room)

Attendance List:
Chair: Gary Sandefur
Members present: Harry Brighouse, Diane Gooding, Tom Givnish, John Hawks, Clark Johnson, Maria Muniagurria, Jennifer Noyes, Matt Turner, Tom Broman
Observers: Marianne Bird-Bear, Maria Cancian, Susan Ellis-Weismer, Gery Essenmacher, Anne Gunther, Nancy Westphal-Johnson, Eric Wilcots, DeVon Wilson, Elaine Klein, Kimbrin Cornelius,
Absent: Sue Zaeske, Lucy Mathiak, Kate Bartlett
Guests: Jeff Naughton, AnHai Doan (for Computer Science proposals)

1. Announcements (a) GS noted the New Chancellor has been announced, and gave congratulations to and praise for Rebecca (Becky) Blank, who will be the next chancellor of UW-Madison. (b) GS updated the committee that the proposal to relocate the Biology Major to a shared academic home in L&S and CALS was approved by the University APC on March 21. (c) GS reported that University Committee requested the L&S APC vote on the proposal to create a College of the Arts. Council members noted that, due to the lack of new information or a revised proposal, it would be difficult to provide an affirmative vote. A vote may be scheduled for a future meeting.

2. Notes from February 29 2013 were approved by members present at that meeting.

3. Notice of Intent: UW-Stout Proposed Professional Science Masters in Conservation Biology. GS announced that L&S received the notice of intent and circulated it to Botany and Zoology and Biological Aspects of Conservation. He reported no response from our L&S colleagues. The Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies' comment is that the program offers limited competition with existing programs offered by the Institute, and may provide them with a chance to collaborate on a new "applied" master's program in this area. No members had additional concerns or comments.

4. Academic Program Review. (a) Information Item: Doctoral Program in Endocrinology & Reproductive Physiology review. EW reported that because of inactivity of the L&S program, APC will waive review. (b) Certificate Program Review: Undergraduate Certificate in Medieval Studies. Tabled to a future meeting. (c) Certificate Program Review: Undergraduate Certificate in Middle East Studies. MC led discussion. She noted this was a review for continuation, a review mandated to occur 5 years after a certificate is created (and 10 years thereafter, or sooner, if requested by APC). MC noted the certificate program has modest resources and budget, and the documents suggest about 150 students have declared. (Due to record-keeping discovered during the review, more exact numbers cannot yet be reported). Member discussion centered around (1) long-term sustainability of the program, given that the

administrative burden of the program appears to rest almost in entirety with one faculty member; (2) the lack of an assessment plan, though EMK noted that all departments will be required to have assessment plans in place in May; and (3) appropriateness of using the individual major for students interested in majoring in Middle Eastern Studies, as there are no future plans for offering this as a major. <u>Committee members agreed they would like to see a revised review next year.</u>

5. Academic Program Changes. (a) Political Science: Request to Create New Online Education Program: Post-Baccalaureate Capstone Certificate in "International Politics and Practice" Materials were not submitted, this topic is postponed to a future meeting. (b) GeoScience Merger of Graduate Minor programs. This agenda item is withdrawn. (c) Computer Sciences: (i) Request to Create a New Capstone Certificate in Computer Sciences; and (ii) Request to Create a New "Named Options" in MS Computer Sciences. Guests participating in discussion were Professors Jeff Naugton and AnHai Doan, Computer Sciences. EW led discussion. The first proposal seeks to establish a post-baccalaureate capstone certificate program for working professionals who wish to obtain fundamental computer science skills so they can pursue employment as software developers. To better serve this audience, the Department plans to offer existing courses in managed sequences in the evening and on weekends. The second proposal is also intended to serve the needs of working professionals, but this audience will hold undergraduate degrees in Computer Sciences or a related field, and will be seeking advanced training in computer technologies. To meet this need, the faculty has adapted the requirements of the existing "research" MS-Computer Science to more clearly connect with the context and demands of a professional environment. As with the capstone, courses will be offered in the evenings and on weekends, and student work will be oriented toward projects that may be directly applied to their daytime employment. These programs will be managed fully by the Department of Computer Sciences, which will use revenue generated to offset the costs for program administration. A pilot cohort for the certificate program may start as early as Fall 2013, once established the MS program would begin in Fall 2014 at a slower implementation pace. Epic Systems Corporation has expressed keen interest in the program, and the department will work with other local employers as well for recruitment.   One topic of member discussion was how courses will be staffed. JN and AD responded that in the near term, additional courses will be staffed with overload, short term staffing, and emeritus faculty, and some currently offered courses will be shifted later in the day. However the ultimate goal is expanding the number of department faculty with revenue from the programs. Members also wondered about potential issues if the programs are fully reliant on one employer (Epic). JN and AD responded the department is actively discussing the program with other employers as well; however Epic will likely provide the greatest number of students, as they have over 6,000 employees, and they are currently very interested in the programs. Members unanimously approved (1) the Request to Create a New Capstone Certificate in Computer Sciences, and (2) the Request to Create a New "Named Option" in MS Computer Sciences.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm
Notes submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, Curricular Administrative Specialist