

L&S Academic Planning Council Meeting
Joint Session with CALS Academic Planning Council

Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 260 Bascom Hall

Present at meeting

Chair: Karl Scholz, Dean

L&S Members present: Harry Brighthouse, Jan Edwards, Clark Johnson, Anna Gemrich, Matt Turner, Betty Harwood, Jennifer Noyes, Tom Broman

Absent Members: John Hawks, Diane Gooding

L&S Observers present: Sue Zaeske, Maria Cancian, Elaine Klein, Susan Ellis-Weismer, Nancy Westphal-Johnson, Gery Essenmacher, Eric Wilcots, Kimbrin Cornelius

JOINT SESSION (L&S APC and CALS APC)

1. Announcements. (No announcements).

2. Old Business. Request for Comment: Proposal to Create a New Certificate in Nelson Institute Sustainability Certificate. Guest, Professor Eagan. KS reviewed the two issues identified by members at a previous meeting: (1) alignment between the proposal's definition of "sustainability" and the course array; and (2) articulation of how the certificate differs from the certificate and major in Environmental Studies. KS noted that the council had been asked to comment only. Members noted that the Nelson Institute is satisfied that this program represents a distinct credential and does not overlap significantly with their other programs offered. A CALS member recommended inclusion of an ecology course, given the importance of biological concepts to sustainability issues. L&S APC members approved the proposal to create a new certificate in Nelson Institute Sustainability Certificate.

3. New Business. Information: Capstone Certificate in GeoDesign (CALS – Department of Landscape Architecture). Guest, Travis Flohr, Landscape Architecture. SP noted the CALS curriculum committee supports the proposal. In discussion, MT updated council members that concerns remain in Geography about overlap with Geography's capstone certificate; the departments are continuing discussions. Members noted some strategies to be more accommodating to part-time students, such as having one gateway course that is a prerequisite to several other courses.

SEPARATE SESSION (L&S APC only)

1. Approval of notes from 18 February 2014. One correction was made. Members who attended the Feb 18 meeting approved the amended notes.

Old Business.

2. Request for Comment: Nelson Institute: Request to rename an existing program, the Master of Science in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development, to "Master of Science in Environmental Conservation." KS reviewed the additional information provided by the department. Members unanimously voted to support the proposal to rename the Nelson Institute's Master of Science in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development to 'Master of Science in Environmental Conservation.'

3. Center for the Humanities: Request to Create New Graduate Certificate in Public Humanities. SZ led discussion. She communicated back the questions and advice given by council members in the previous meeting, and they have revised their proposal. In regards to lack of support for a subject listing, they have submitted a course proposal instead to the L&S Interdisciplinary listing. The proposal contains clarification regarding governance. And finally, they have clarified learning outcomes. Members approved the proposal to create a new Graduate Certificate in Public Humanities, as proposed by the Center for the Humanities. The Center will be asked to incorporate the additional information into the proposal before it is forwarded to the Graduate School

New Business:

4. Request for Comment

a. CALS: Capstone Certificate in GeoDesign. In discussion, committee members noted they would be looking for Geography endorsement, indicating that overlap issues had been resolved. Committee members agreed as written, the proposed program overlaps with the L&S certificate in terms of basic GIS skills. Committee members agreed to take this item up in a future meeting.

b. Notice of Intent from UW-Milwaukee to create a new MS in Information Science and Technology. Committee members voted to support the proposal. Committee members also recommended our Provost be notified that SLIS has been working on new programming in this area as well; a proposal will be submitted in the near future.

5. Annual Report to the L&S Senate (2012-2013). Members approved the report.

6. Academic Program Review. (a) Certificate Program Review: American Indian Studies. MC led discussion. She noted the review process has motivated them to look at requirements; in particular, they are working to ensure that students have access to courses that meet requirements. MC also noted American Indian Studies, along with other Ethnic Studies programs and departments, have been discussing potential collaboration and/or restructuring to see if they can work together to meet their collective needs. Council member agreed attention to the requirements and courses is important, and enthusiastically supported the program's discussion regarding collaboration with other units. Council members unanimously voted to accept the program review report and to consider the report complete.

Meeting adjourned, 3:15 pm

Notes submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, L&S