

L&S Academic Planning Council

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 (1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., 101) – approved 10/6/2015

Chair: Karl Scholz

Members Present: Ivy Corfis, Charles Fry, Clark Landis, Steven Kantrowitz, Harry Brighthouse, Anna Gemrich, Katherine Bowie

Observers: Elaine Klein, Susan Ellis-Weismer, Anne Gunther, Greg Downey, Nancy Westphal-Johnson, James Montgomery, Wren Singer, Kimbrin Cornelius, DeVon Wilson, Eric Wilcots

Absent: Jan Edwards

1. Announcements (a) UW Board of Regents Approval of UW-Madison Undergraduate Major in Neurobiology (b) UAPC Approval of Reorganization of the Division of International Studies (now, “The International Division” or TID) and the International Institute (now, “Institute for Regional and International Studies”) EMK noted L&S is working diligently to ensure smooth implementation of the administrative and financial changes that accompany the reorganization of IRIS, and that changes don’t negatively affect students. The programs under IRIS are scheduled for review next year, and will be jointly reviewed with L&S. **(c) Implementation update.** EMK reported several meetings were held last summer to coordinate implementation of new programs and department restructuring. They include: Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies (restructuring), Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (restructuring), Masters in GIS (new program), Undergraduate Certificate in Italian (new program). A Neurobiology major (new program) meeting has been scheduled for this fall.

2. Consent Agenda

(a) Approval of notes (i) 5 May, 2015 (ii) 1 September, 2015. Notes approved by members at those meetings.

(b) Summer 2015 Activity (i) Request to Suspend Admissions to Undergraduate Certificate in Celtic Studies (ii). Requests for Comment (1) UW-River Falls Notice of intent to offer a new B.S. in Neuroscience (2) UW-Eau Claire Notice of intent to offer a new B.A. and B.S. in Neuroscience

(3) Request to Name: School of Music. a. Mead Witter School of Music b. Mead Witter Foundation Concert Hall *Guest: Susan C. Cook, Professor and Director, School of Music.* KS led discussion. The proposed name change is to recognize the generosity of the Mead Witter Foundation. Their twenty-five million dollar gift would allow the Hamel Music Center building project to proceed as originally planned. In conversation, members noted that naming of schools is often associated with endowments, and wondered if the gift amount aligns with other school namings. SC gave examples of other music schools that were named with both larger and small gifts, and that other giving opportunities had been explored with the donors. This gift will allow the SoM to complete the building in one phase. Members agreed that while named schools are unusual at UW-Madison, this generous gift will make it possible L&S and SoM to complete a greatly desired building project, and approval of this request will be an appropriate way to honor the contribution of the Foundation. The request to name the School of Music the “Mead Witter School of Music,” and to name the concert hall within the new building the “Mead Witter Foundation Concert Hall” was approved with one abstention (CL).

4. Request to Establish a New L&S Center for Healthy Minds. KS led discussion. The center began as a small program in the Waisman Center. It has grown, expanded its scope, and has interdisciplinary ties with departments across campus. With their expanding organizational focus and mission, they don’t fit as well within the Waisman Center. The proposal requests official Center status and a home in L&S.

Citing details related to space and funding agreements, KS noted that some issues still need to be resolved. In conversation, members agreed that the interdisciplinary mission of the center and its research focus fit well within L&S, and the relationship with the center will likely foster a very productive partnership as the college seeks new funds for a new building for Psychology. APC members unanimously approved the request to establish a new L&S Center for Healthy Minds, pending resolution of space and funding issues to the Dean's satisfaction.

5. Consultations of the Dean

a. Process and documentation for Department/Program Restructuring. Now that several departments completed the restructuring process, EMK suggested a revision to the L&S process for departments undertaking discussions about restructuring. The current APC guidelines ask restructuring departments to address to the same set of questions as when new departments are proposed, which does not always address the concerns of the council. EMK shared revised guidelines that prompt departments engaged in these discussions to submit a memo conveying the outcome of those discussions and providing the council with a candid evaluation of the current state of the unit, the rationale for change and broad overview of the vision for change, the process and timeline for discussions about restructuring that led to this decision, and the record of the unit's vote to initiate restructuring. This approach would still adhere to the UAPC requirement that the process be consultative and take no fewer than six months. Members agreed the new process will be more helpful for departments. Members unanimously agreed to adopt the new process and documentation for Department/Program restructuring.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Notes submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, Curriculum Administration Specialist