

## College of Letters and Science Academic Planning Council Annual Report to L&S Faculty Senate (2014-2015)

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The L&S Academic Planning Council advises the dean on strategic planning, as well as on programmatic matters (program review, expansion, alteration, and deletion) and fiscal matters. The council's operating procedures appear online in the L&S Administrative Gateway, at <https://kb.wisc.edu/images/group86/19956/APCGovernanceRules-2012rev.pdf>

### **Substantial Changes to L&S Departments/Academic Units**

Proposals and issues related to department and unit restructuring comprised a substantial amount of L&S Academic Planning discussion this year. Several small L&S departments are considering restructuring to address issues of resources and/or effective governance. Restructuring requires substantial department discussion and work with L&S Administration – issues of internal governance and committees, budget, research structure/affiliations, nature and scope of academic programs, redistribution of participating faculty and staff lines must all be considered and planned. To facilitate these discussions and help ensure alignment with campus policy established by Faculty Policies & Procedure (FP&P) 5.02 and guidelines issued by the University Academic Planning Council, staff in L&S Administration developed a template for a restructuring proposal that enumerates topics to be addressed in it, and directs authors to specific offices and individuals in L&S administration who can provide data, information, and counsel. That template has been shared with all departments/programs that initiated the restructuring process after January 2015.

The following proposals and action items were reviewed and approved by the council:

- Biology Major Annual Report, 2013-2014, included an update on the relocation of the CALS and L&S Biology Major and subject listing from ICBE to the departments of Bacteriology (CALS) and Zoology (L&S).
- Changes in the (cross-college) Institute for Biology Education (former home of the L&S / CALS undergraduate Biology Major) to create the new (campus-level) Wisconsin Institute for Science Education and Community Engagement (WIScience).
- Division of International Studies: Request to Rename, Relocate and Revise the Mission of the Division, and to reformulate the International Institute as the *Institute for Regional and International Studies*. These changes included development of an academic partnership agreement between L&S and IRIS, to clarify administrative responsibilities vis-à-vis the L&S academic programs that continue to be housed in the division.
- East Asian Languages and Literature: Permission to Plan to Restructure
- German, Scandinavian Studies, Slavic: Permission to Plan to Restructure (*working name*: Northern European Studies)

- Mosse Center for Jewish Studies: Permission to function as a "Department-like Body" (per FP&P 5.40)
- Languages and Cultures of Asia (LCA): Permission to Plan to Restructure
- Linguistics: Permission to Plan to Restructure
- Theatre & Drama Department: Plan to transfer the department to the School of Education. The plan included creation of new School of Education program (BS-Education with a major in "Theatre & Drama,") and a teach-out plan to ensure that L&S undergraduate Theatre & Drama majors will be able to complete their baccalaureate degrees.
- Theatre & Drama Graduate Programs: Plan to rename the MA, PhD in Theatre and Drama (now "Interdisciplinary Theatre Studies") and transfer academic responsibility to an interdisciplinary program committee housed administratively in the English Department. (MFA-Theatre & Drama to remain with department, and move to School of Education.)

### **L&S Program Actions**

L&S APC considers for approval proposals to create, rename, restructure/move, suspend admission to, or close programs. In 2014-2015, the council approved several program changes arising from prior years' department/program restructuring.

The Department of Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies (which arose from a restructuring of Classics and of Hebrew and Semitic Studies) submitted requests to:

- Close admissions to MA-Hebrew and Semitic Studies and PhD- Hebrew and Semitic Studies
- Discontinue MA-Greek, MA-Latin
- Rename academic programs MA, PhD from "Classics" to "Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies"
- Create new options in graduate programs, "Classics" and "Hebrew Bible"

Similarly, the council approved several requests submitted by the Department of Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies (created when the Folklore Program joined the Department of Comparative Literature):

- Rename academic programs BA/BS, MA, PhD from "Comparative Literature" to "Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies"
- Create new graduate program options, "Comparative Literature" and "Folklore Studies"

The Industrial Relations Research Institute, which sponsored the doctoral program in Industrial Relations, was discontinued more than a decade ago, and a teach-out plan was developed to ensure graduate students enrolled in the program could complete it. The L&S APC deleted the Industrial Relations subject listing, which was the last item associated with this discontinuation.

The council also approved several other program changes:

- Biological Aspects of Conservation (administrative home in Botany): Rename undergraduate major from “Biological Aspects of Conservation” to “Conservation Biology”
- Biology Major: Relocate Biology (205) Subject Listing from WISCIENCE to Zoology
- Chemistry: Discontinue Low Enrollment Academic Program, “ACS-Accredited BS Chemistry”
- English: Delete subject listing, ENGLISH - 350 (replaced by new listings, ENGL 352 and ESL 351)
- French & Italian: Create new “Undergraduate Certificate in Italian”
- Geography: Create new program, MS-Cartography/GIS, “GIS Development”
- Linguistics: Correct Error in Admit Status in M.A. program
- Political Science: Rename “Center for the Study of Politics” to “Elections Research Center”
- Zoology: Implement new undergraduate major in “Neurobiology” (administrative home in Zoology)

The APC also considered two proposals that were returned with requests for clarification and revision:

- Art History: Create new undergraduate “Certificate in Curatorial Studies”
- Slavic: Create new undergraduate “Certificate in East European Language, Literature and Culture” (approved by APC, pending revisions prior to submission to University Academic Planning Council)

### **Academic Program Review**

All UW-Madison Academic Programs must be reviewed every 10 years. Reviews are convened by the dean upon the recommendation of the associate dean, in consideration of the schedule for review maintained by the Provost. The program faculty prepares a self-study narrative that is provided to a faculty review committee, and is used as the foundation for a report to the dean. The APC reviews and discusses the self-study, review committee report, and the program’s response to the report. Members advise the dean and associate deans about program strengths, contributions student learning in the discipline, and what might be done to promote improvement. The following program reviews were completed this year:

- Afro Programs in the Department of Afro-American Studies (020)
  - BA/BS Afro-American Studies
  - Undergraduate Certificate in Afro-American Studies (CRT 107)
  - MA- Afro-American Studies
  - Ph.D. Afro-American Studies
- BS-Applied Math, Engineering and Physics (072)
- Programs in the Department of Art History (090)
  - BA/BS Art History
  - Undergraduate Certificate in Material Cultures (CRT 432)

- MA-Art History
- Graduate Certificate in Material Cultures (CRT 432)
- Ph.D. Art History (including Option: Architectural History)
- Programs in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (675)
  - BA/BS Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
  - MS- Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
  - Ph.D. Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences
- Undergraduate Certificate in Chican@ and Latin@ Studies (CRT 205)
- Programs in the Department of French and Italian (445, 452 and 580)
  - BA/BS French
  - MA-French
  - Master of Professional French Studies
  - Ph.D. French
  - BA/BS Italian
  - MA-Italian
  - Ph.D. Italian
- Programs in the Department of History (499)
  - BA/BS History
  - MA- History
  - Ph.D. History
- Programs in the Department of History of Science (517)
  - BA/BS History of Science, Medicine and Technology
  - MA- History of Science, Medicine and Technology
  - Ph.D. History of Science, Medicine and Technology
  - BA/BS History and History of Science, Medicine and Technology (504)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Integrated Studies in Science, Engineering, and Society (CRT 384)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Mathematics (CRT 634)
- Programs in the Department of Philosophy (765)
  - BA/BS Philosophy
  - MA- Philosophy
  - Ph.D. Philosophy
- Graduate Programs in the Department of Psychology (832)
  - MA-Psychology
  - Ph.D. Psychology

### **Policy Matters**

At the request of the L&S Curriculum Committee, the L&S APC also considered a request to implement a policy requiring undergraduates to declare a major by the time they complete 86 credits. (The Mandatory Major Declaration policy was presented for discussion with the L&S Senate as L&S FacDoc 296 on March 9, 2015.) The council endorsed the proposal.

## Requests for Comment, Consultation, or Support

L&S is frequently invited to comment on the development of programs and policies outside of L&S, at the college, campus or UW System level. The council offered comment on the following proposals:

- CALS: Agricultural and Applied Economics, "Certificate in Resource and Energy Demand Analysis"
- CALS: Geodesign Certificate Program
- Engineering: Create New Option in MS-Engineering Professional Development
- Education: Discontinuation of BS-Education in Russian and in Polish
- UW System Programs:
  - BA - Art History (UW Oshkosh)
  - BA - Create Enterprise (UW-Whitewater)
  - BS - Geospatial Analysis and Technology (UW Eau Claire)
  - MA - Communication and Leadership (UW Eau Claire)
  - MS - Clinical Mental Health Counseling (UW-Parkside)
  - MS - Computer Science (UW-Whitewater)
  - BA Creative Enterprise (UW-Whitewater)
  - Ph.D. Aquatic Sciences (UW-Milwaukee)

## Consultations of the Dean

The Dean often seeks the counsel of the L&S APC on issues related to the College. In 2014-2015, Council members discussed the State Budget would have on the university, the L&S Career Initiative, strategies for promoting curricular and instructional innovation in L&S, and the role of certificate programs relative the L&S program array.

## For More information About the L&S Academic Planning Council:

About: <https://kb.wisc.edu/lc/page.php?id=19956>

Bylaws, meetings, deadlines: <https://kb.wisc.edu/lc/page.php?id=19987>

Agendas and Notes: <https://kb.wisc.edu/lc/page.php?id=27288>

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