

BRIEF NOTES

L&S Academic Planning Council

Tuesday, November 5, 2019, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., 55 Bascom Hall – *approved November 19, 2019*

Chair: Eric Wilcots, Dean

Members attending: Rebecca Dunn, Seth Blair, Susan Ridgely, Cecile Ane, Heather Allen, Jana Valeo, Jeanne Hamers, Kris Olds, Kristi Slack

Members Absent: Steven Kantrowitz

Observers: Shirin Malekpour, Jennifer Noyes, James Montgomery, Kimbrin Cornelius, Cal Bergman, Elaine Klein, Gloria Mari-Beffa, Greg Downey

1. Announcements a. UW-Madison/Madison College Agreement (WISCLI Courses) (Info only)

b. [L&S Lumen/Guide Policy & Style Guidelines for Undergraduate Programs](#)

2. Consent Agenda a. Approval of notes, October 15, 2019 b. Request for Comment (i.) UW System: UW-Parkside, MA-Professional Communication (ii.) UW-Madison: Wisconsin School of Business, Summer Undergraduate Certificate. Consent agenda approved.

3. Request to Offer Additional Major to L&S Students a. School of Education: Health Promotion and Health Equity. EMK reminded members that ‘additional majors’ are another school/college’s major, offered to L&S students. L&S degree students must complete at least one L&S major, but they may also complete an ‘additional major.’ SR reported the L&S Curriculum Committee reviewed the materials; they supported the proposal and recommended approval. Members approved the request to offer the Health Promotion and Health Equity major as an additional major to L&S students.

4. L&S Academic Programs a. Review: Computer Sciences, Professional Capstone Certificate in Computer Sciences. KE led discussion. The capstone certificate is for post baccalaureate students. Students must complete 12 credits (or 18 if they enter without requisite coursework). If students are admitted to the professional master’s program, they may use the certificate courses towards those requirements. The program was designed in partnership with Epic Systems, however other students are also enrolled. Peak enrollment in the program was 260 students, it now has about 150 students. The majority of students are Wisconsin residents, and about 15% are international students. The department is working to address identified challenges of finding enough instructors to teach a breadth of courses at the Epic location and finding ways to increase other student enrollment as Epic student demand levels off. In conversation, members noted the department should track completion/persistence rates to help with quality improvement. CA suggested their full-time plan could be marketed towards all students, not just international. Members approved the motion to accept the report.

b. Update on Request to Reopen: Molecular Biology BA/BS Guest: *Jeff Hardin, Professor and Chair, iBio* EW provided background information. After a program review several years ago, admissions to the program was suspended, with the understanding it would be closed. After further conversation and consultations, changes to how the program was administered, drafting changes to the requirements, and analyzing over with other biological majors, the program has submitted a request to reopen with changed requirements. In response to this request, CALS suggest that the major reopen as a Named Option in the Biology major instead, because of the overlap with the Biology major. While the courses that count towards the major do overlap considerably with related biological majors (Biology, Microbiology, Biochemistry), further analysis of course-taking patterns showed that students in these programs take distinct advanced courses and have different focuses. In conversation, EW noted CALS has not yet responded to the most recent request for support; JH reported he had contacted the chairs in related programs, but did not receive any responses. SB noted that overlap argument with the Biology major is problematic because Biology is the newer major and was created as a more general major for students.

EMK noted next steps are to check in with CALS again to see if they have a comment on the proposal. If not, possibly the proposal can proceed with no CALS comment.

5. Consultations of the Dean. EW spoke with the committee about diversity and climate issues on campus and in L&S. He summarized some of the Chancellor's remarks at the Diversity Forum about progress the campus is making towards some diversity initiatives. EW and members discussed ways of recruiting a diverse group of undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty and staff, and well as creating an inclusive, supportive environment for current students and employees.

Notes submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, Curriculum Administration Specialist