

BRIEF NOTES – *approved as revised, 3 March 2020*

L&S Academic Planning Council

Tuesday, February 28, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., 53 Bascom Hall

Chair: Eric Wilcots, Dean

Members attending: Rebecca Dunn, Seth Blair, Susan Ridgely, Heather Allen, Jana Valeo, Jeanne Hamers, Steven Kantrowitz, Kris Olds

Members Absent: Cecile Ane, Kristi Slack

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

1. Announcements/Information: a. L&S APC Response to Low Award Policy EMK reported that the APC feedback to the UAPC and the Provost about the low award policy is supportive but also notes the importance of not equating the value of a program with its size (the feedback memo is included in Box)

2. Consultations of the Dean: Undergraduate Online Programming for Returning Adult Baccalaureate Degree Completion (Discussion.) EW reported that L&S will have additional time to create an online degree. In response to member questions about the motivation for creating online undergraduate degrees, EW noted changing demographics of who is going to college (declining nationally), diversifying revenue streams, and national trends in online education.

3. Consent Agenda a. Approval of notes – February 4, 2020. Members approved the notes.

4. Academic Program Review a. Communication Sciences & Disorders Supplemental Review. GMB noted the department is focused on climate, and this attention has paid off. Their graduate program is highly praised. While they would like to grow, student size is limited by the research support they can guarantee. Space continues to be an issue but the solution requires a new building (part of the master building plan but unlikely to happen soon). The department is considering revisiting the relationship with Stevens Point in the joint AUD program. Further conversations with both campus and Stevens Point would need to happen before taking next steps. Members approved the motion to accept the report. When asked to consider the department's request that only accreditation materials might be submitted for future reviews, council members agreed that this would be acceptable for the accredited programs (BA/BS, MS-Speech Language Pathology, AuD); however, supplemental materials would be required for review of questions related to non-accredited programs.

5. Academic Program Change (old business; reaffirmation requested) a. Integrative Biology: request to rename and reopen BA/BS Major in Molecular Biology <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=110>. MBG noted CALS faculty representatives met with the Molecular Biology committee to provide feedback, and revisions were made to incorporate that feedback when possible. EMK noted the L&S Curriculum Committee reaffirmed the request to rename and reopen the program. The L&S CC also recommended the program conduct a focused review of the effectiveness of the governance structure in three years, to ensure the new proposed governance and administration of the program is working well. Members reaffirmed their previous approval to rename and reopen the Molecular Biology program, and requested the program conduct a focused review of their governance structure in three years.

6. Request to Participate in Inter-Institutional Agreement a. iSchool: University of Wisconsin System School Library Education Cooperative. KE provided an overview - School librarians require special

licensure. Because a limited number of students are interested in earning this licensure, System has collaborated on offering the required courses for students. UW Madison Library Science students may complete the licensure requirements within the Library Science degree, and will take one course via this cooperative agreement outside of L&S. This inter-institutional agreement will continue and is working well, via an agreement that has now been updated to aligned with current expectations for inter-institutional agreements. Members approved the motion to support continued participation in this inter-institutional agreement.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Notes submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, L&S Curriculum Administration Specialist