

BRIEF NOTES

L&S Academic Planning Council

Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., 53 Bascom Hall – *Approved April 7, 2020*

Chair: Eric Wilcots, Dean

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

Members Absent: Cecile Ane, Seth Blair,

Observers: Kimbrin Cornelius, Elaine Klein, Greg Downey, Jennifer Noyes, Gloria Mari-Beffa, Kristin Eschenfelder, Devon Wilson, James Montgomery

1. Announcements.

2. Consent Agenda (a) Approval of notes – 18 February 2020. Members requested corrections: (1) correct Gloria Mari-Beffa's initials (2) clarify the statement in the Communication Science & Disorder's program review – the department must submit supplemental review materials for required areas not included in the accreditation report. **(b) Cancellation of L&S Senate Meeting (scheduled 30 March 2020) (c) Request for Comment – UW-Whitewater, BA/BS Legal Studies** (d) Minor Actions, Academic Programs (i.) Asian Languages and Cultures: Correction and Updates (Undergraduate Certificate in Chinese Professional Communication) <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=166> (ii.) Physics: Change (MA-Physics from 'admitting' to 'non-admitting') <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=552> Members approved the consent agenda (with the corrections noted to the minutes).

3. Request to Create New Academic Program: MS-Financial Economics <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1151> *Guest: Ananth Seshadri, chair, Economics.* GD provided an overview: the program will be offered in partnership with the School of Business, with Economics as the administrative home. Each department will offer about half the courses. This is a professional program, that can also prepare students to enter a PhD program. They anticipate a cohort of 40 students per year. In discussion, members asked about diversity and cultural competency outcomes and the curriculum and programming to support them. Members provided some advice and recommended earmarking some revenue to help students achieve learning goals and to help enroll a diverse student population. Members approved the motion to create the new academic program.

4. Academic Program Review: Linguistics (BA/BS, MA, PhD, Doctoral Minor). *Guest: Eric Raimy. SZ* reminded members that the Linguistics department was restructured, and Linguistics program is now in the newly created Language Sciences. ER noted a primary challenge Linguistics faces is the number of faculty, especially given upcoming retirements. ER and members also discussed the growing interest and demand for computational linguistics, as well as the difficulties hiring in this area (due to sector competition). Members moved to accept the report.

5. Academic Program Change: Jewish Studies, suspend and discontinue Named Option, "Jewish Studies and Education" Parent plan: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=101> Named Option: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=517> Members approved a motion to suspend and discontinue the program.

6. Consultations of the Dean. EW discussed minor and administrative changes that are occasionally required for programs. He asked whether the APC would prefer to formally act on these types of changes via consent items on the agenda, or if they could be administratively approved as they arise and reported to the committee at the next meeting. Members agreed these types of changes could be

administratively approved and reported to the committee later.

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