

**BRIEF NOTES** – *approved 12/1/2020*

College of Letters & Science Academic Planning Council

Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual meeting

Chair: Dean Eric Wilcots

Members present: **Stephen** Gammie, Rebecca Dunn, **Cecile** Ane, **Louise** Mares, **Charo** D’Etcheverry, **Nancy** Marshall, **Jeanne** Hamers, **Kris** Olds, **Sue** Ridgely, **Rebecca** Forbes Wank

Members absent: Rebecca Dunn

Observers present: **Sue** Zaeske, **Elaine** Klein, **Greg** Downey, Kimbrin Cornelius, Gloria Mara-Beffa, **Kristin** Eschenfelder, **Tina** Nielsen, James **Montgomery**, **DeVon** Wilson, **Cal** Berman

**1. Announcements/Information**

**2. Consent agenda a. Approval of notes – October 20, 2020 b. Request for comment, UW-Madison i. College of Engineering – BS-Environmental Engineering (no Lumen proposal yet) ii. College of Agricultural and Life Science – MS-Environmental Remediation and Management (<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1038>). Members approved the consent agenda.**

**3. Update on Prior Action: a. Discontinuation of Programs in MS/PhD-CANES (technical corrections/updates to “parent” program)** EMK provide an update. Named Options (“subplans”) are used to distinguish between distinct program variations under one larger program (“plan”) umbrella. Since Biblical Named Options were discontinued, and only one named option remains in both the MA and PHD, technical changes can be made to elevate that remaining named option from ‘subplan’ status to ‘plan’ status.

**4. Academic Program Actions a. iSchool – Notice of Intent to Offer: BA/BS Major, Information Science (<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/miscadmin/?key=74>)** KE led discussion. Offering an undergraduate degree been a long-term goal of the iSchool. This major will fit very well with the central goals and mission of CDIS, especially increasing access to computing, data and information science to a broad and diverse group of students. The requirements for the major are still to be determined; the faculty will finalize them this fall. Members asked about the experience of the iSchool with undergraduates. KE noted that many faculty teach undergraduate courses and the History department has agreed to be a mentor for administrative areas important to undergraduate education. Members approved the Notice of Intent.

**b. L&S – Notice of Intent to Offer: Bachelor of Liberal Studies, Major in Applied Social Science (Online only).** EW provided an overview. Campus is investing in entirely-online degrees, with an intended audience of returning adult students who have started, but not finished, a first bachelor’s degree. Most students enrolling in online degree programs choose regional schools, so this program will likely primarily serve students in the Upper Midwest. SoHE and School of Business are also participating in this initiative, although they are offering existing degrees. L&S plans to create a new degree and set of majors that can be tailored to meet the needs of this audience, which are different from our traditional residential student. GD noted that a working group worked collaborated on the NOI and learning outcomes; the first major will be Applied Social Science, additional cross-disciplinary majors will likely be added in the future. SR noted

the curriculum committee was impressed by planning work and the NOI and was supportive of approval. During conversation members had discussion around a variety of issues including:

- the differing needs of returning adult students and traditional residential students.
- how students, employers and other stakeholders might perceive the differences between a new L&S online degree and our 'traditional' L&S undergraduate degrees
- the funding structure for instruction, and potential impacts on our existing programming and mission

Members were supportive of the initiative and approved the NOI unanimously.

**Discussion:**

**5. Consultations of the Dean: Instructional Update/Spring Planning (Shirin Malekpour, Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning)** Tabled, due to lack of meeting time.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Note submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, L&S Teaching & Learning