

Brief Notes – approved December 21, 2021

College of Letters & Science Academic Planning Council

December 7, 2021, 1:00-1:45 p.m., 52 Bascom Hall

Chair: Associate Dean Susan Zaeske

Members present: Lori Kido-Lopez, Jeremy Morris, Eric Grodsky, Rebecca Forbes-Wank, Christy Tremonti, Jeanne Hamers, Stephen Gammie, Daniel Grabois, Charo D’Etcheverry, Andrea Arpaci-Dusseau, William Cox

Members absent: Kris Olds

Observers present: Kristin Eschenfelder, Gloria Mari-Beffa, Shirin Malekpour, Elaine Klein, Kimbrin Cornelius, Tina Nielsen, Cal Bergman, Greg Downey, Devon Wilson

1. Updates on Prior Business: Comment on Crosslisting Report. SZ updated members that the committee’s feedback (along with the L&S Curriculum Committee’s feedback) on the cross-listing report was provided to the University Curriculum Committee.

2. Consent agenda (a) Approval of notes (i) November 16, 2021 (ii) November 23, 2021; (b) Request for comment, UW-Madison, School of Education: (i) Certificate in Preparing to Teach Abroad Lumen Proposal: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1236> (ii) Certificate in International Development and Education Lumen Proposal <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1231>
Members approved the consent agenda.

3. Statistics, MS-Statistics named option, “Data Science” name change, from “DataScience” to “Statistics and Data Science” Lumen Proposal (Parent – MS 949L&S, “Statistics”) <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=682> Lumen Proposal (Sub-Plan – DS949MS, “Statistics and Data Science”) <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=252> KE noted the goal of the name change is to be more descriptive and reduce potential for student confusion; the curriculum is not changing. *Members approved the name change.*

4. Continuation of Discussion: Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, Request for comment, PhD – Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (Notice of Intent to Offer) Lumen Proposal: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/miscadmin/?key=116> *Guest: Sean Schoville, Associate Professor, Department of Entomology (CALs).* SS noted some of the overarching reasons for proposing a new program: to draw in some of the best students interested in EEB and to provide cohesion and community across departments for students focused on this area. The curriculum is distinct from other programs, he noted, because it requires students to complete coursework in both Ecology as well as Evolutionary Biology. In response to questions about funding, SS noted that only students with 5-year funding would be admitted. They expect nearly all (if not all) students to be jointly enrolled in another program, with the department of the ‘other’ program providing funding. In conversation, members had the discussed with SS funding, the curricular requirements, and complexity of administering joint programs. Themes of committee conversation included:

- The hidden costs of complex program administration.
- Wanting greater clarity about the gap this program is filling (or the problem that is being solved) so committee members can better understand how the proposed

program best meets these needs.

In alignment with the previous discussion, members recommended the Dean advise the Nelson Institute to continue working with Integrative Biology to answer their questions, and to wait for a letter of support from Integrative Biology before providing L&S support for the new program.

5. Consultations of the Dean No items.

Submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, Academic Planner