

Brief Notes – approved January 18, 2022

College of Letters & Science Academic Planning Council

December 21, 2021, 1:00-2:30 p.m., 52 Bascom Hall

Chair: Eric Wilcots

Members: Andrea Arpaci-Dusseau, William Cox, Charo D'Etcheverry, Rebecca Forbes-Wank, Stephen Gammie, Dan Grabojs, Kris Olds, Christy Tremonti

Members absent: Jeanne Hamers, Jeremy Morris, Lori Kido-Lopez, Eric Grodsky

Observers: Kimbrin Cornelius, Kristin Eschenfelder, Elaine Klein, Shirin Malekpour, James Montgomery, Tina Nielsen, Sue Zaeske

1. Announcements/Information. EW noted the new Chemistry building is now open again; provided updates from the Fall graduation ceremony; reminded members grades are due midnight on December 26; and announced recent teaching awards.

2. Consent agenda (a) Approval of notes, December 7, 2021; (b) Request for comment (i) UW-Madison, College of Engineering, Proposal to create a new named option in Radiation Sciences for the Nuclear Engineering BS Named option: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1215> Parent plan: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=707> *Materials were shared with L&S Departments; feedback from Computer Sciences and from Math concerning course selections was forwarded to the College.* (ii) UW-Madison, School of Education, Department of Educational Policy Studies. Undergraduate Certificate in Social Justice and Education. Program Proposal: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1244> *Due to the timing of this request, materials are currently being shared with L&S Departments and Programs with request for timely feedback.* Members approved the consent agenda.

3. Prior Business: Low Award Academic Program Review: Portuguese (BA, MA, PhD) SZ reminded members these programs were discussed recently by the APC while reviewing the Portuguese program review and the department's response to the recommendations. The department is enthusiastic about the recommendation to merge the Spanish and Portuguese graduate programs and to create an undergraduate certificate. However, they would like to keep their undergraduate programs separate. In discussion, members agreed the study of Portuguese is important and should continue to be a priority in L&S; they also agreed there can be many ways for students to engage in this study other than credentialled programs. EMK noted the undergraduate program is just under the low-award limit. Since the review, the department has changed its requirements to address completion barriers; they anticipate these changes will increase interest and ability to complete the program.

4. Academic Program Actions (i) Statistics: MS - Data Science: Request for Authorization <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1239> EW reminded members that the committee recently reviewed the Notice of Intent for both of these programs. KE noted that the Data Science program is a revenue-generating program, 30 credits, and is a joint endeavor between Statistics and Computer Science. The curriculum requires three statistics courses created for this audience (who may not have statistics undergraduate majors); some computer science courses; and a list of electives from these two as well as other departments, as well. Members approved the request to create a new MS - Data Science. (ii) **Computer Science: MS - Data Engineering: Request for Authorization** <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1282> EW noted this program is being established, in part, to meet US Army needs. This is also a professional revenue-generating program. This is focused on producing the data-- cleaning, integration, systems, and getting to the point where you can get very large data sets that can then be analyzed or used. Students will be required to take courses in 4

breadth areas, as well as electives. Members approved the request to create a new MS – Data Engineering program.

5. Consultations of the Dean. No items for discussion.

Meeting adjourned 2:05 pm

Notes submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, L&S Academic Planner