

BRIEF NOTES – Approved February 1, 2022

College of Letters & Science Academic Planning Council
January 18, 2022, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting

Chair: Sue Zaeske, Greg Downey

Members: William Cox, Charo D'Etcheverry, Rebecca Forbes-Wank, Stephen Gammie, Eric Grodsky, Lori Kido-Lopez, Nancy Rose Marshall, Jeremy Morris, Kris Olds, Christy Tremonti

Members Absent: Andrea Arpaci-Dusseau, Jeanne Hamers

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

1. Announcements and Updates. SZ noted that campus will have high-efficiency masks available at no cost to employees, with priorities in the near term for in-person instructors. She also noted there is an upcoming campus Town Hall.

2. Approval of notes – 12/21/2021. Notes accepted.

3. Academic Program Actions: School of Journalism and Mass Communication, request to create “Named Options” under the MA-Journalism and Mass Communication (a) Parent plan: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=544> (i) New Named Option, “Research”: <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1150> (ii) New Named Option, “Professional”:

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1225> GD noted for many years, the Journalism MA has had both research and professional ‘tracks.’ The last time the graduate program was reviewed, one of the recommendations was to separate the programs and formalize the differences. The proposals to create new Named Options align with this recommendation and transparently articulate the two separate sets of requirements. Creating separate programs also will allow the department to have different admitting cycles. EMK will circulate proposals to other units and submit them for campus governance review.

4. Academic Program Review: Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Named Options in “Classics” (MA-CANES, PhD) SZ noted that this is a 5-year follow-up program review, which was mandated after the program reorganization that created the department of CANES (when “Classics” merged with “Hebrew and Semitic Studies.”) That merger created a need for a new academic program, with a “parent” program that had two Named Option sub-plans. One of those programs was unviable and discontinued; this is the viable program. SZ noted that the department has continued to do good work, and curriculum revisions have addressed several issues. This good work will still need to continue, and one of the recommendations in the report is attend carefully to the transition to a new Director of Graduate Studies, so the forward momentum can continue. Members agreed with many of the recommendations in the report, in particular the recommendation to create a detailed graduate handbook. Members approved a motion to accept the review as complete.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

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