

BRIEF NOTES - approved 4/19/2022

College of Letters & Science Academic Planning Council

March 1, 2022, 1:00-2:30 p.m., 52 Bascom Hall

Chair: Eric Wilcots

Members: Andrea Arpaci-Dusseau, William Cox, Charo D'Etcheverry, Rebecca Forbes-Wank, Jeanne Hamers, Lori Kido-Lopez, Nancy Rose Marshall, Jeremy Morris, Kris Olds, Christy Tremonti, Stephen Gammie

Absent members: Eric Grodsky

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

1. Announcements & Updates. EW noted that the plans for a new proposed Levy building is continuing forward, and that planning for a new CDIS building is in its final design stage (fundraising has been successful for it, too, and includes a \$10 million grant from EPIC). EW also noted that the campus mask will be ending at spring break.

2. Consent Agenda (a) Approval of notes, 2/15/2022. Members approved the notes. **(b) Request for Comment on Creation of Center/Institute: School of Medicine and Public Health, Institute for Diversity Science.** In conversation, members noted it would be helpful to more clearly describe the scope of what "Diversity Science" covers – this may not be as a commonly known area that the proposal asserts. This may also help interested parties understand why the center is in SMPH, it should also ensure a specific focus, to keep them from being pulled in 'do everything'. Members advised the proposers to consider how the center will intentionally connect and consult with ESR instructors and departments, as well as other units that inform the empirical research the center is based on. EW will summarize the conversation and provide advice to SMPH.

3. Request to Change Department Name: *From "Afro-Am Studies" To "African American Studies"*

Guest: Ethelene Whitmire, Professor and Chair. Professor Whitmire noted that the words "African American" is the current typical descriptive words to describe the discipline. EMK was hopeful that the department name could be in effect for next year, but the Provost's office will confirm the deadlines. Members approved the request to change the department name.

4. Academic Program Actions: iSchool, MA - Library & Information Studies (MA612L&S), requests to

change names of two named options: (a) *From "CAMPUS: Campus Delivered Program" To "CAMPUS: Campus Program"*(see <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=150>) **(b) *From "DISTANCE: Distance Delivered Program" To "DISTANCE: Online Program"***(see <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=245>) GD noted that "online" is more current descriptive term of how the program is delivered. Other aspects of the curriculum committee aren't changing. Members approved the request to change the names of the two Named Options.

5. Discussion: Consultations of the Dean (a) Comment on UW-Madison Digital Badge/Micro-credentials Policy.

EW provided an update. L&S is providing a comment to the Provost that summarizes feedback from this committee, the L&S Curriculum Committee and L&S senior staff. Generally, the comment is that campus policy is needed; that L&S has reservations about providing badges for experiences that are already part of credit courses and programs (students shouldn't get a badge just for completing a course); it will be important for schools/colleges/units to be able to set their own policy that fits within the broader campus policy; and finally, acknowledging there is work and resources that go into offering badges, this is not a cost-free initiative. EW noted that after campus policy is approved, L&S will create college-level policy.

Notes submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, Assistant Dean for L&S TLA