

## **BRIEF NOTES – approved 9/20/2022**

College of Letters & Science Academic Planning Council

May 3, 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, Stephen Gammie, Eric Grodsky, Jeanne Hamers, Lori Kido-Lopez, Jeremy Morris, Christy Tremonti

Absent: Charo D’Etcheverry, Kris Olds, Nancy Rose Marshall

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

**1. Announcements/Information.** EW gave announcements about commencement and recent faculty and staff awards,

**2. Consent Agenda (a) Approval of notes – 19 April 2022; (b) Request for Comment: WSB, Proposal to Create a New Undergraduate Certificate in International Business (contingent on WSB approval) Lumen proposal:**

<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1356> Members approved the consent agenda.

**3. For discussion: Digital Diploma Evolution. Guests: Scott Owczarek, University Registrar; Beth Warner, Associate Registrar; and Will Lipske, Associate Registrar.** S.O. noted that the Office of the Registrar is expanding access to the digital diploma service currently offered on campus, and is seeking feedback from L&S. Their office provides tracking and evidence of diploma and transcript. Starting this spring students may receive a certified electronic diploma for no charge (previously it the electronic diploma was provided on a fee basis). The R.O. is now exploring the possibility of including program learning outcomes as a ‘second page’ to the electronic diploma. The intended primary audience is the student, so they have a record and statements of the goals of the program they completed. In conversation, members noted the importance of connecting students to learning outcomes early in their career at UW Madison for the outcomes on the diploma to be to be meaningful (i.e. if students are first exposed to this on diploma, it may not be as helpful).

**4. Computer Sciences, Request to Create a New Center: The N +1 Institute for the Future of Decentralized Web-Based Computer Systems and Services Lumen Structures Proposal:** <https://next-guide.wisc.edu/miscadmin/?key=129> **Guests: Remzi Arpaci-Dusseau, Suman Banerjee** SB noted the work of the institute will be focused on research in web, data, and computing infrastructures, as well as support education and entrepreneurship in this area, in particular providing opportunities for students to engage with industry. While the initial focus will be on issues related to “web 3.0”, the institute will be named “N+1” to indicate their goals of research on what is ahead. They hope to energize research and students around the issues in this space, often with industry partners and funding agencies. In conversation, members had questions about this initiative could support (or not) efforts to diversify the group of students who study computer science. The Center will have an executive director, and a faculty advising group. It will also have an external industry advisory board. Members approved a motion to create a new center.

**5. Academic Program Review, L&S/CALS undergraduate major in Biochemistry (L&S BA/BS 103, ALS 103), housed in Department of Biochemistry (CALS) Guest: Karen Wassarman, Associate Dean, College of Agricultural and Life Sciences** KW led discussion. She noted that the Biochemistry program is strong, students are performing well and are having good experiences. Some of the challenges they continue to grapple with is gender diversity as well and class sizes. EMK also noted that this is an undergraduate program

administered entirely by the Biochemistry department but is also offered as an L&S major, which makes this unusual (the graduate students, however, are all CALS students). Members approved the report as a complete.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30

Notes submitted by Kimbrin Cornelius, TLA