

Brief Notes - approved 4/4/2023

College of Letters & Science Academic Planning Council

March 21, 2023, 1:00-2:00, via Zoom

Chair: Associate Academic Dean Greg Downey

Members: Andrea Arpaci-Dusseau, Catherine Auger, Charo D'Etcheverry, Sridhara Dasu, Isa Dolski, Peter Haney, Stephen Gammie, Lori Lopez, Nancy Rose Marshall, Jeremy Morris, Kris Olds

Members Absent: Kristen Shook Slack, Eric Wilcots

Observers: Cal Bergman, Kimbrin Cornelius, Kim Grocholski, Elaine Klein, Jennifer Klippel, Ruth Litovsky, Shirin Malekpour, Tina Nielsen, DeVon Wilson, Sue Zaeske
(22 online)

At the request of Dean Wilcots, Associate Dean Downey chaired the meeting in his absence.

1. Announcements/Information: The regular spring term meeting of the L&S Senate will be on Monday, March 27. An update on the Liberal Arts BA/BS degree requirements will be given and there will be a presentation by the L&S Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee.

2. Consent Agenda: Approval of notes – March 7, 2023

Members approved the consent agenda.

3. Request for Comment:

- a. **College of Engineering, Undergraduate Certificate in Architecture , Lumen proposal:**
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1349>

GD introduced the proposal. Key L&S departments have been consulted on the proposal and given feedback as the proposal was refined. The proposal includes a partnership with UW-Milwaukee since they have an Architecture program, and this arrangement is drafted and attached as part of the proposal.

Members discussed the proposal, restricting their comments to the academic merits and likely student interest in the proposal. Members appreciated seeing support from L&S departments likely to be most interested in the program, and that there is a plan for how these units will reach out to CEE to serve students. Members asked whether faculty teaching online courses are using best practices, and if UW-Madison students would be encouraged to visit the UWM site to learn more about the School of Architecture. It was noted that the L&S department faculty who have been consulted on the certificate are engaged in high impact pedagogical practices for online courses.

A motion to advise L&S to support creation of the program was made; however, it was noted that it is unclear whether the Memorandum of Understanding had been reviewed/approved by the Office of Legal Affairs, and no support or feasibility projections were offered by the Office of the Registrar, so it is likely that there will be considerable revision to the proposal for shared courses/content/calendar/cost and other implementation issues related to partnering with another UW System institution. L&S is

unable to weigh in on such matters. Members unanimously approved the motion to support the creation of the undergraduate Certificate in Architecture, with the notation that implementation would require guidance from offices with expertise in these areas.

b. Revised draft Policy on Certificate Credit-Bearing Programs

GD gave an overview of several key points including how topics courses are used in certificates, the language regarding exceptions, and how the letter grade minimum will not be implemented and instead the standard minimum average GPA for undergraduates will be used. EMK mentioned the award timeline for graduate certificates and that the proposal maintains the awarding of graduate certificates when the student completes their degree program.

Members discussed the revised draft proposal. Members asked questions about topics courses and how they are used in certificate curriculum. Members recommended clarification of the language surrounding topics courses. Members also discussed low enrollment status for certificates, the process for discontinuing a certificate, and the need for an active and relevant curriculum so certificate programs can thrive. EMK gave an overview of the next steps in the proposal process. This policy is slated for the April UAPC meeting. Members discussed a motion to approve, with the note that they endorsed a few specific additional comments to be sent to the Provost's office.

Members unanimously approved the motion to approve the proposal, with specific comments to be sent with the approval.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 pm.

Submitted by Kim Grocholski, Academic Planner.