College of Letters and Science Academic Planning Council
Annual Report to L&S Faculty Senate (2016-2017)

The L&S Academic Planning Council advises the dean on strategic planning, as well as on programmatic matters (program review, expansion, alteration, and deletion) and fiscal matters. The council’s operating procedures appear online in the L&S Administrative Gateway, at https://kb.wisc.edu/images/group86/19956/APCGovernanceRules-2012rev.pdf

Substantial Changes to L&S Departments/Academic Units
Proposals and issues related to department and unit restructuring comprised a substantial amount of L&S Academic Planning discussion this year. Several small L&S departments are considering restructuring to address issues of effective governance and educational mission. Restructuring requires substantial department discussion and work with L&S Administration – issues of internal governance and committees, budget, research structure/affiliations, nature and scope of academic programs, redistribution of participating faculty and staff lines must all be considered and planned. To facilitate these discussions and help ensure alignment with campus policy established by Faculty Policies & Procedure (FP&P) 5.02 and guidelines issued by the University Academic Planning Council, staff in L&S Administration developed a template for a restructuring proposal that enumerates topics to be addressed in it, and directs authors to specific offices and individuals in L&S administration who can provide data, information, and counsel. That template has been shared with all departments/programs that initiated the restructuring process after January 2015.

The following proposals and action items related to restructuring were reviewed and approved by the council:

Restructuring academic departments:

- Restructure Urban and Regional Planning and Landscape Architecture departments to form “Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture” in the College of Letters and Science
- Permission to Plan to Restructure: Department of Linguistics

Program actions resulting from Department Restructuring:

African Cultural Studies

- Rename African Languages and Literature subject listing (104) to “African Cultural Studies”
- Rename African Languages and Literature Academic Programs (BA/BS major, MA, PhD, under major code 018) to “African Cultural Studies”

Asian Languages and Cultures

- Undergraduate Program: Rename undergraduate major to “Asian Languages and Cultures;” Create three new Named Options in undergraduate major: East Asian Studies, Southeast Asian Studies, South Asian Studies; Resume admissions to Undergraduate Major
Graduate Programs: Discontinue doctoral program Named Options: (a) Civilizations and Cultures, (b) Languages and Literatures, and (c) Religious Studies; Resume admissions to graduate programs (MA, PhD, doctoral minor); Rename graduate programs from "Languages and Cultures of Asia" to "Asian Languages and Cultures"

Suspend admission to and discontinue undergraduate major in Asian Studies, currently administered by Institute for Regional and International Studies (Center for East Asian Studies, Center for Southeast Asian Studies)

Create subject new listings, “Asian languages and Cultures” (ASIA) and “Asian Languages and Cultures: Languages” (ASIA LANG)

German, Nordic, Slavic

Create new Subject Listing, “German, Nordic, Slavic”

History

Suspend admissions to undergraduate majors (a) History of Science, Medicine and Technology and (b) History and History of Science. (These changes are related to the departmental merger of History and History of Science)

The council approved several other changes to departments and creation of new Centers:

- Rename Department of Zoology to “Department of Integrative Biology”
- Rename School of Library and Information Science to “Information School”
- Rename School of Music and Concert Hall to “Mead Witter School of Music” and “Mead Witter Foundation Concert Hall”
- Create new center in Economics, Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy
- Create New Center in Economics, Juli Plant Grainger Institute for Economic Research

Program Review

All UW-Madison Academic Programs must be reviewed every 10 years. Reviews are convened by the dean upon the recommendation of the associate dean, in consideration of the schedule for review maintained by the Provost. The program faculty prepares a self-study narrative that is provided to a faculty review committee, and is used as the foundation for a report to the dean. The APC reviews and discusses the self-study, review committee report, and the program’s response to the report. Members advise the dean and associate deans about program strengths, contributions student learning in the discipline, and what might be done to promote improvement. The following departments completed program reviews in 2016-2017:

- African Cultural Studies (BA/BS, MA, and PhD)
- Astronomy (MS, PhD, and BA/BS in Astronomy-Physics)
- Classical and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, undergraduate programs (BA/BS Classical Humanities, BA/BS in Latin, BA/BS in Classics, Certificate in Classical Studies, Teacher Certification in Latin)
- Comparative Literature and Folklore Studies (BA/BS, MA, and PhD)
- Computer Science (BA/BS, MS, and PhD)
- Environmental Studies (BA/BS Environmental Studies)
- Environmental Sciences (BA/BS Environmental Sciences)
• Jewish Studies (Undergraduate Certificate)
• Interdisciplinary Theatre Studies (MA and PhD)
• Urban and Regional Planning (MS and PhD)
• Zoology graduate programs (MS, PhD)

In addition, the APC reviewed a program review for the Graduate Certificate in Material Cultures, which was initiated due to low enrollment. Members did not approve the report as complete, and asked that additional information and revisions to the review be submitted next year.

L&S Program Actions
L&S APC considers for approval proposals to create, rename, restructure/move, suspend admission to, or close programs.

Create new:

• New capstone certificate “User Experience Design,” which will be administered by the Information School (formerly School of Library and Information Sciences)
• New undergraduate certificate, “Political Economy, Philosophy, and Politics,” which will be administered by the Department of Political Science
• Reaffirmation of prior approval to create Undergraduate Certificate in East Central European Languages, Literature and Culture (proposed by Dept. of Slavic Languages, now to be offered in Dept. of German, Nordic, Slavic)

Discontinue:

• Artist Certificate in Music
• Hebrew and Semitic Studies, Graduate programs
• Social Work, PhD Minor
• Undergraduate Certificate in Global Cultures
• Art History, Doctor of Philosophy, Option in Architectural History (PHD MAJ 090AH, “Architectural History”)
• See the “Substantial Changes to L&S Departments/Academic Units” section above for information about program discontinuation related to restructuring

Suspend admissions to:

• Capstone Certificate in French Studies at the Graduate Level
• African Cultural Studies, Doctoral Program “Pedagogy Track”
• See the “Substantial Changes to L&S Departments/Academic Units” section above for information about suspended admissions related to restructuring

Rename:

• Rename LGBT Studies certificate to “LGBTQ+ Studies”

Requests for Comment, Consultation, or Support
L&S is frequently invited to comment on the development of programs and policies outside of L&S, at the college, campus or UW System level. The council offered comment on the following proposals:

Campus Policy or Guidelines Changes:
• Draft UW-Madison Credit Hour Policy

Notice of Intent:

• UW-River Falls, request to create new BA in Geographical Information Systems
• UW-Milwaukee, request to create new BA in Urban Studies.
• UW-Parkside, request to create new MA in Professional Studies
• UW-Stout, request to create new B.S. in Applied Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
• UW-Extension, request to create new B.S. in Applied Computing
• UW-Whitewater, request to create new BA Film Studies
• UW-LaCrosse, request to create new BA/BS Major in Political Science
• UW-Oshkosh, request create new Professional Masters in Biology
• UW-Stevens Point, request to create new BS in Geographic Information Systems
• UW-Madison School of Education, request for authorization to implement new BS-Education Studies
• UW-Madison, Nelson Institute, request to create new Master’s Option, Environmental Observation and Informatics
• UW-Madison, College of Engineering, request to create new PhD Minor in Quantitative Biology
• UW-Madison, School of Medicine and Public Health, request to create new PhD Biomedical Data Science
• UW-Madison School of Human Ecology, request to change name of Center for Integrative Design to “Center for Design and Material Culture”

Other Items
The APC approved several other times, including:

• Technical Changes to L&S UDD codes
• Create a new L&S course designation: Foreign Language Level and Retrocredit Eligibility
• Extension of Biocore Honors Designation to Students in Other Schools and Colleges

This report was approved by the L&S Academic Planning Council on November 7, 2017.

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