

## CALS ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL

December 5, 2017

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

1220AB DeLuca Biochemical Sciences Building, 440 Henry Mall

**Present:** Jeri Barak-Cunningham, Katherine Curtis, Patrick Krysan, Joe Lauer, Jon Roll, Bret Shaw, Doug Soldat, Alan Turnquist, Karen Wassarman, Marv Wickens

**Absent:** Guy Groblewski, Brian Kirkpatrick, John Shutske, Tim Van Deelen

**Ex Officio:** Bill Barker, Dick Straub, Sarah Pfatteicher, Nikki Bollig, Megan Grill

**Guests:** Kate O'Connor Giles, Beth Olson

**Minutes:** Megan Grill

Kate called the meeting to order at 1:03

Kate suggested edits to the November 21st minutes. Megan will update the minutes to include these edits.

**Joe moved to approve November 21st minutes with suggested edits, Bret seconded; unanimously approved**

### Action and Discussion Items

1. Request to change name of undergraduate major in Genetics to Genetics and Genomics  
Guest: Kate O'Connor Giles, Department of Genetics  
This is the second review of the request to update the name of the Genetics undergraduate major. This item was brought before APC previously, which requested that Genetics seek feedback from affected programs.  
The School of Medicine and Public Health did not weigh in at the time of the meeting, but all other departments responded with support of the name change.  
Pharmacy asked about the capacity in the courses dedicated to genomics. The Genetics department has added a lab course and can increase enrollment caps in another course by 60 students if necessary. Bacteriology raised a concern that the name change would imply that Genetics is claiming sole ownership of the term genomics. The Genetics Department assured Bacteriology that they do not intend to take exclusive ownership of the term genomics, and recognized the importance of genomics in multiple fields of study. After conversation, Bacteriology supported the name change.  
**Joe motioned to approve, Katherine seconded; unanimously approved.**
2. Life Sciences Communication Program Review  
Guest: Beth Olson, LSC program review committee chair  
The LSC program review committee felt the program was quite strong, and did a good job of recognizing their own strengths and weaknesses. One strength is the sense of collegiality between faculty, staff, graduate students, and undergraduate students. Other strengths include student

placement rates, program reputation, flexibility in the undergraduate curriculum, and the department's commitment to fully fund masters students. The facilities are also lovely and well maintained, which is partly due to alumni donations.

There were several concerns and recommendations noted in the review. Student access to courses is one area of concern. There are courses that are not offered every term due to a lack of instructors, but plans to hire, and better communication about course sequencing may alleviate these concerns. Frequent turnover in the undergraduate advisor position and low numbers of Underrepresented Minority applicants to the Master's program are additional concerns. Flexibility in curriculum is considered a strength, but has also led to a lack of community for graduate students.

Kate noted corrections to the review called out in the departmental response, and asked the committee to share any questions they have for the department chair, Dominique Brossard, who will be present to answer questions at the January 16th APC meeting.

The committee identified questions which Nikki will present to Dominique in advance of the meeting.

### Informational Items and Announcements

1. Jessie Potterton has resigned as Director of the Farm and Industry Short Course. Cindy Fendrick will serve as interim director. Dick Straub will chair the search for a new director, which is expected to conclude in April.
2. Sarah Pfatteicher has accepted the position of Executive Director of the 5 colleges consortium. Her last day will be April 6th. Jeri Barak-Cunningham has agreed to serve as chair for the search and screen committee. The position will be posted this month and there is a plan to fill the position before Sarah leaves.
3. Cooperative Extension will become incorporated under UW Madison by July 1st. Work will happen to ensure that there are financial structures in place for the transition to occur. Heidi Zoerb, who took leave to serve as an associate dean in extension, will return to her previous role in January. About one third of Heidi's time, along with the efforts of others in CALS, will be devoted to working on the extension transition.

The December 19<sup>th</sup> and Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings have been canceled. The next meeting is scheduled for January 16<sup>th</sup>

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm