

CALS Academic Planning Council
6201 Microbial Sciences Building
April 18, 2023, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Present: Bradley Bolling, Jed Colquhoun, Todd Courtenay, Noah Feinstein, Glenda Gillaspy, Jamie Nack, Patrick Masson, Sean Schoville, John Shutske (1:15pm), Thea Whitman, Michael Thomas, Michael Xenos.

Not present: Mehdi Kabbage, HuiChuan Lai, Francisco Peñagaricano,

Ex Officio: Mark Rickenbach, Karen Wassarman

Guest: None.

Dean Gillaspy called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

1. March 21, 2023 meeting minutes for approval

Michael Xenos moved to approve the minutes and Thea Whitman seconded. Approved minutes will be posted on the APC website.

2. Announcements

Dean Gillaspy made the following announcements:

- Troy Runge was introduced as the new CALS Associate Dean for Research. Troy thanked APC members and assured them of his support in the new role.
- Upcoming events including All College Update (April 19), CALS Global Day (April 25), CALS Awards (May 2), and Spring Commencement (May 13). Dean Gillaspy encouraged participation.
- Chancellor's comments at the Investiture included several mentions of CALS.

3. CALS Master plan (discussion)

Senior Associate Dean Mark Rickenbach discussed the latest updates from the CALS Master plan. The vision of the plan is to align CALS facilities and resources for the changing future and position CALS in developing the next generation of researchers and practitioners.

Some of the main points of the discussion included:

- The assessment of the quality of CALS facilities (what can continue to be used, removed, replaced, or alternate uses)
- Determining space needs (existing and future needs)
- Space Gap Analysis (the gap between what is needed and the current inventory)
- CALS Domains, and
- CALS Facilities Master plan priorities.

Next, APC members were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Question: Was there any discussion about the museum collections on campus and centralizing them in one location?

Answer: I don't believe there has been such discussion, but the spaces in the newer buildings would allow that. Such discussions should take place at the building planning stage.

Question: Besides dairy cows, what other large animals do we have in campus?

Answer: Swine and chicken.

Question: How has climate change been integrated into the plan? Thinking about the decentralized power generation, research needs, greenhouses, is it located in one location in the master plan or scattered throughout?

Answer: The plan is to continue and mitigate aspects of climate change. The guess is that it will be distributed throughout but it is an aspect that will be addressed over time.

Question: What are the implications for teaching and instruction in this plan?

Answer: A lot of the master planning effort is driven by the research and there is no global campus plan for instructional space.

Karen Wassarman added that the space needs for general assignment classes will be discussed independently at campus level.

Question: Has there been a thought to physically or thematically tie this to West Madison (Research Stations)?

Answer: That is a good point, but the plan does not include such conceptualizations.

Question: Was there a discussion about changes as a result of teleworking?

Answer: Along this process, remote work has been recognized as a reality. We will need that type of infrastructure, but the granular aspects are still unknown. Same goes with the parking.

For more, the council was encouraged to visit the website as well as complete a survey provided in shared materials.

4. APC Membership (discussion)

Associate Dean Karen Wassarman reminded the council that the current APC structure was voted on in 2014-15 and it required an all college vote. This discussion is not to suggest a major organizational restructuring but to find solutions for the next couple of years. One of the changes that will have happened before next Fall is the merger of Agronomy and Horticulture into the Plant and Agroecosystem Sciences Department. Currently these departments together with Plant Pathology fall into the Division 4.

This discussion is to elicit ideas about the membership for the next year for Division 4 which will include the two departments. Ideas discussed in this section included:

- Plant Pathology and Plant and Agroecosystem Sciences each have a representative, all the time.
- Reduce representation from Division 4 to one representative and rotate.

- Agronomy and Horticulture Departments continue to provide representatives on the current rotating schedule; this means that at one point both representatives will be from Plant and Agroecosystem Sciences.

The council considered the above and decided that one representative from the two departments comprising Division 4 is the solution to move forward unless the departments come up with an option that does not strongly oppose the ideas discussed here.

5. Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowship

A subcommittee of APC, comprising Michael Xenos, Thea Whitman, and Patrick Masson reviewed the nominations in a preliminary round, then met and reached a unanimous decision to recommend the following:

- I. For the **Jack and Marion Goetz Graduate Fellowship in Agricultural and Life Sciences**, the recommendation is Jose Nunes, and
- II. For the **Louis and Elsa Thomsen Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellowships**, the three recommendations are: Saeed Roschdi, Ashley Becker, and Morgan Farmer.

Next, Dean Gillaspay asked APC members for advice on a controversial issue.

6. Food Science academic programs review discussion, continued from last meeting.

Dean Gillaspay reminded the council that this item is being revisited as the APC did not vote on the completion of the review at our last meeting.

Michael Thomas, a member of the review committee, summarized the major issues discussed previously including the undergraduate program not being very flexible, lack of clear policy or guidelines pertaining to prelims and course requirements in the graduate program, and low graduate student recruitment.

Associate Dean Wassarman noted that the point of the review is to highlight the areas that need attention and the urgency for creative solutions.

The idea of having an external review team was revisited and the department is open to that.

John Shutske made a motion to consider the review complete and Noah Feinstein seconded. APC unanimously voted the Food Science Academic Programs Review complete.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32pm.