

## CALS ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL

November 7, 2017

1:00 PM-2:30 PM

1220AB DeLuca Biochemical Sciences Building, 440 Henry Mall

**Present:** John Shutske, Doug Soldat, Katherine Curtis, Jeri Barak-Cunningham, Patrick Krysan, Karen Wassarman, Marv Wickens, Alan Turnquist

**Absent:** Brian Kirkpatrick, Tim Van Deelen, Bret Shaw, Guy Groblewski, Joe Lauer, Jon Roll

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

**Guests:** Chris Bradfield, Kate O'Connor Giles, Martha Reck Steve Ventura

**Minutes:** Megan Grill

Kate called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm

No revisions to current agenda

**Alan moved to approve minutes from October 17<sup>th</sup>, Karen seconded, unanimously approved**

### Action and Discussion Items

1. Program Review: Molecular and Environmental Toxicology

Guest: Chris Bradfield, Director of Molecular and Environmental Toxicology

Chris provided feedback for the review and answered questions from APC members. Overall, he felt that the review was fair, objective, and useful.

What is the status of grant funding?

The R25 grant has been funded for the next 5 years. The T32 grant is currently under review. If funding is not granted in this round, the number of students in the program will be affected slightly, but it is likely that it will be funded in the next round.

As a requirement of the program, every student must have a 25 % TA ship. The broad range of course topics taught allows for a broad range of teaching experiences. In order to address any discrepancies in teaching experiences, the program has developed a teaching philosophy. This teaching philosophy requests that trainers take a continuing education course in the first 1 or 2 years.

What is the timeline for acting on suggestions from the review?

As a result of the program review, the teaching philosophy and a more formalized TA ship have already been developed. A plan for continuing operations in the event the Director Chris Bradfield, is not able to serve in this role, was also formalized.

**John motioned to accept the review as complete, Jeri seconded; unanimously approved**

- a. Request to change ownership of M&ENVTOX from CALS to SMPH

The program went through governance over 10 years ago to move aspects to the School of Medicine and Public Health, but the subject listing were still tied to CALS. This is administrative clean up to complete the transfer as intended.

There are some financial implications since summer term tuition is returned to the School/College owner of the subject listing. The impact is minimal and this change reflects the original and current intent of both schools.

**Karen motioned, Marv seconded, unanimously approved**

## 2. Food Systems Certificate Proposal

Guest: Steve Ventura

Steve provided an overview of the impetus for the Food Systems Certificate, citing the 2014 CALS strategic plan, which identified food systems as an area of thematic importance for the college.

The proposal was presented to CALS Curriculum Committee on October 31st, which supported the creation of the Food Systems Certificate. The CALS Curriculum Committee also provided feedback for the culmination activity. The culmination activity will likely be fulfilled with a 399 internship or a 699 independent study arranged with a faculty advisor that may be combined with a Capstone course. In the event that the culmination experience is combined with a Capstone course, the culmination activity would require an extra credit worth of work.

Community and Environmental Sociology will serve as the administrative home for the Food Systems Certificate. Since this department recently uncoupled with the Department of Landscape Architecture there is currently administrative capacity in the department, making the timing ideal.

Potential future enrollment is estimated at 25 students declaring per semester or 100 students total. There are provisions that could restrict enrollment to particular majors if capacity becomes an issue.

APC recommends timelines for completion of the culmination activity and provides the CALS capstone criteria as an example-which stipulates that a student completes the Capstone Requirement in the final 2 to 3 semesters.

APC also questions whether there is a need for a grade of B or better in two out of 3 of the core courses in order to declare. This requirement was added in order to restrict enrollment, and students would have an opportunity to appeal.

**Patrick motioned to approve the creation of the Food Systems Certificate, Katherine seconded, 1 abstention, motion passed**

## 3. Request to change name of undergraduate major in Genetics to Genetics and Genomics.

Guests: Kate O'Connor Giles and Martha Reck

This change is related to an increasing trend towards an emphasis of Genomics in every course taught by the department. The name will better reflect the education and research done in the program and is based on student feedback. There is an increasing trend in programs to include Genomics in their name. The name change is only requested for the undergraduate major because the Genetics graduate program has effective branding and receives NIH grant funding under this name. This request is also not related to the Lab of Genetics because this is housed both in the School of Medicine and Public Health and CALS.

APC questions why letters of support were not included as part of the proposal. Sarah and Nikki referred to campus policy when advising on the process for requesting the name change. Campus policy requests that overlapping or affected departments provide feedback, but does not clearly define an overlap or affected department.

Sarah will facilitate a request for feedback from CALS department chairs, and other potential interested parties across campus. This proposal will return to APC once there has been an opportunity to provide feedback.

#### 4. Follow up to All-College Meeting

There was good attendance at the All College Meeting and there have been over 200 responses returned from the survey that was sent out. About half of the responses came from faculty and half came from staff. Based on feedback from the survey and the from the meeting, the Re Org committee will complete its report and make a recommendation to the Dean. APC will have a chance to weigh in on this recommendation, and this is not necessarily what will be implemented.

APC noted surprise that the divisional model presented at the All College Meeting did not address department structure. There were no specific divisions outlined, and APC has questions about how these would be organized. There are questions about how departments will be motivated to participate in the divisional structure, and how the balance of power between divisions and departments will be maintained. Although there is inevitable fear related to any change, APC reflects that no one commented that the reorganization is an overreaction. There seems to be consensus that a change is needed.

Kate encourages anyone who wishes to give feedback to reach out to members of the Reorg Committee.

#### Informational Items and Announcements

##### 5. Follow up to UW System Re-Org

Ray Cross proposed a major change to the UW System organization. Currently, all 2 year institutions are combined with Cooperative Extension. This proposal would dissolve those ties and merge 2 year institutions with the closest 4 year institution. Cooperative Extension would be merged with UW Madison under the proposal. This will be voted on by the Board of Regents on Thursday, November 9th. If accepted, this will become effective on July 1st. Many of the details have already been laid out. More information is available on the Regent's website.

APC discussed the suspension of 25 programs at UW Superior. These programs were considered low enrollment programs and did not have a clear path to employment. APC discussed the criteria for low enrollment programs and the challenges with measuring a clear path to employment. There is a UW System policy for identifying low enrollment programs, and there is opportunity to advocate for continuing these programs once they are identified.

##### 6. Landscape Architecture Update

Nikki Bollig provided an update that the L&S Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture has submitted proposals to move the Landscape Architecture academic programs to L&S. Students will still complete their degrees in CALS as planned. There is still administrative work to be done for the merger, and Nikki will continue to provide updates.

Meeting adjourned at 2:34