

CALS Academic Planning Council

6201 Microbial Sciences Building

September 21, 2021, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

2021-22 meeting materials found at:

<https://uwmadison.box.com/v/CALSAPC21-22>

Attendees: Samuel Butcher, Todd Courtenay, Barbara Ingham, Mehdi Kabbage, Eric Kruger, Carrie Laboski, HuiChuan Lai, Jamie Nack, Xuejun Pan, Francisco Peñagaricano, Guanming Shi, Michael Thomas, Michael Xenos

Absent: Jed Colquhoun

Ex Officio: Mark Rickenbach, Kate VandenBosch, Karen Wassarman

Guests:

Minutes by: Therese McHenry

Welcome and introductions

Review agenda

Revisions to current agenda

- *No revisions*

Consent Agenda

1. Approve minutes for September 7 meeting (Box)
 - *Item 1 approved by consent*

Action and Discussion Items

2. College updates and questions from APC
 - *Dean VandenBosch presented a PowerPoint with college updates.*
 - *The presentation can be found in Box with the Sep 21 meeting materials (<https://uwmadison.box.com/v/CALSAPC21-22>).*
 - *Additional notes from the verbal presentation, not viewable in the PowerPoint presentation*
 - *Slide 4*
 - *LaVar Charleston is serving on the search and screen committee for the CALS chief diversity officer.*
 - *Slide 5*
 - *The \$2M faculty block grant is less than we had in the past, likely due to adjustments needing to be made for staff relative to the Title and Total Compensation (TTC) exercise.*
 - *The \$4M+ listed for staff increases relates to the TTC exercise, as it is anticipated that there will be employees not at the minimum of the range of their new titles who need to be increased to the minimum.*
 - *For the 20% federal indirect cost return in fund 150, CALS will receive a 27% increase due to a change in the metrics that determine the formula for distribution. This will be distributed using our regular formula, a 60/40 split, to benefit departments, centers, and CALS administration.*
 - *Question: Will the block grant be available for academic staff who are grant-funded? If a staff member is fully grant-funded but needs an increase due to TTC, does this need to come from grants?*

- *Answer: We don't yet have this information from campus but will provide it when it is released.*
- *Slide 7*
 - *The total amount of new awards in FY21 was \$111M.*
 - *Another important metric is research expenditures, which are up 10% over FY20. This puts us in a good position for indirect cost return on campus.*
- *Slide 8*
 - *Two exciting research highlights involve awards related to imaging technologies in core facilities anchored in Biochemistry.*
 - *The first photo is of Elizabeth Wright, biochemistry professor and director of the Cryo-EM Research Center. The Cryo-EM Research Center is the national hub for a national network of cryo-EM facilities. The National Institutes of Health provided almost \$23M over six years to create this research and training hub which enables visiting scientists to come here to get training and do analysis.*
 - *The second photo is of biochemistry professors and co-directors of the National Magnetic Resonance Facility at Madison (NMRFAM), Katie Henzler-Wildman and Chad Rienstra. The National Science Foundation awarded \$40M to establish the Network for Advanced NMR, linking our facility with UConn School of Medicine and the University of Georgia.*
- *Slide 9*
 - *Two years ago, the state biennial budget approved a \$7.8M base add for UW System for the Dairy Innovation Hub. This is divided among the three schools with an agriculture footprint. We get about half and the rest is divided between UW-River Falls and UW-Platteville.*
 - *Ultimately, we will fill 12-14 faculty positions with the Dairy Innovation Hub.*
 - *More information is available at: <https://cals.wisc.edu/dairy-innovation-hub/>.*
- *Slide 10*
 - *Grow magazine is a great way to keep up with things going on in the college.*
 - *Grow is available online or there are copies in Agricultural Hall.*
- *Slide 20*
 - *Senator Tammy Baldwin is the chair of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee.*
 - *Some of the appropriations subcommittees have yet to report out.*
 - *The USDA ARS plant facility will be built to replace aging facilities, will be located at the West Madison Agricultural Research Station, and will be jointly used with our federal colleagues on campus.*
 - *The next step is for these proposals to come to the Senate floor and then to Conference Committee between the two houses. The bipartisan support is encouraging.*
- *Slide 23*
 - *We are working on moving the Seed Potato Tissue Culture Lab from the Biotron to the Wisconsin Crop Innovation Center in Middleton.*
 - *The land purchase at Arlington will help to expand the footprint for organic agriculture.*
- *Slide 24*
 - *The Babcock Hall renovation should be complete by the end of the 2022 calendar year.*
- *Slide 29*

- *After a hiatus, we are reopening the call for position funding requests with November/May deadlines.*
- *The resources for funding requests are modest due to budget cuts.*
- *Slide 30*
 - *With Carol Hillmer's retirement, Angie Seitler became the associate dean for finance and administration, and oversight of CALS Human Resources was added to her portfolio. She is assisted by Cheryl Bowes who is the interim director of CALS Human Resources.*
 - *With Bill Barker's retirement, Mark Rickenbach has assumed the role of interim associate dean for research and Jeri Barak is the associate director of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station.*
 - *Sundaram Gunasekaran, who was faculty director of CALS Global, is serving a year as a Jefferson Science Fellow at the U.S. State Department. Jennifer Kushner, who was associate director, is serving as interim director.*

3. Items APC wishes to forward for discussion this year

- *Suggestion: After a program or center review is complete, is there anything that APC needs to or can do to resolve issues versus waiting until the next review period?*
- *Suggestion: Some interdisciplinary efforts, such as the Dairy Innovation Hub and the organic agriculture initiative, are large enough that they needed to develop a governance process. The APC is interested in hearing more about this process.*

Suggestion: When a champion or key individual of a major retires, how do we help to prevent it from floundering? Interdisciplinary efforts may help to provide robust buy-in or support to provide stability over time.

4. Communication between APC reps and departments (Box)

- *A recommendation of the most recent APC self-study was to consider opportunities to enhance communication of APC activity back to departments.*
- *Part of the role of being an APC member is representing a division of the college.*
- *There are five divisions, a representative from Extension, and two academic staff members. Not all departments may have a member on the committee and not all members report back to the same groups.*
- *A map of the divisions and departments is in the charge and function.*
- *When a program in your division is having program review, that might be a good time to reach out to other division chairs.*
- *Feedback from the committee*
 - *A new APC member may feel that the responsibility of bringing the APC information back to their division is overwhelming.*
 - *Many larger topics are already shared at the department level.*
 - *What is the expectation? Is it rotating service within the divisions to be advisory to the dean or is it to communicate the information back to the divisions?*
 - *The expectation is both to take a turn to advise the dean and to bring the information back to the divisions, but how this is done depends on what the departments want and need.*

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm