UW-Madison University Academic Planning Council  
Minutes of December 17, 2015

Members present: Mangelsdorf (chair), Blair, Jackson, Karpus, Lee, Miller, Seidenberg, Scholz, Shapiro, Thelen, Wiedel

Members excused: Aldag, Blank, Farrar-Edwards, Middlecamp, Skinner


1. Welcome, introductions, opening announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Automatic Consent – Minutes of the November 19, 2015, meeting. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.01


   Engineering Associate Dean Jake Blanchard provided the UAPC with a brief description of the direct admit process and codes at the request of Provost Mangelsdorf. Dean Ian Robertson and Associate Manuela Romero also attended. In the discussion, concerns were raised about advising for students who were seeking Engineering majors but did not enrolled under the “direct admit” criteria. Follow up meetings will be scheduled among Engineering, CALS, and L&S to address these outstanding advising concerns.

4. Transfer of MS/PhD Freshwater and Marine Sciences from the College of Engineering to the Department of Zoology in the College of Letters & Science. This action will be effective Fall 2016. This action was approved at the December 11, 2015, Graduate Faculty Executive Committee (GFEC) meeting. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.03

5. Discontinue the subject listing Transportation and Public Utilities, School of Business. This action is effective Spring 2016. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.04

6. Discontinue the Global Commons/Global Environment option in the International Studies major, Institute for Regional and International Studies, College of Letters and Science. There are currently no students declared in the option. This action is effective Spring 2016. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.05

   Approved unanimously.

APPROVAL ITEMS

7. Establish the Center for Healthy Minds, College of Letters and Science. Presenters: Isa Dolski, Director of Administration, Center for Healthy Minds; Karl Scholz, Dean, Letters & Science. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.06
Professor Richard Davidson, director of the Center for Healthy Minds, was unable to attend the UAPC meeting. Isa Dolski, Director of Administration, presented the proposal. The center is currently known as the Center for Investigating Healthy Minds and housed within the Waisman Center. The mission and work has broadened. The Center will move to Letters & Science and modify its name to the Center for Healthy Minds. The Morgridge match (a university-wide gift from John and Tashia Morgridge which matched gifts from other donors who wished to endow a professorship, chair, or distinguished chair) enabled nine new professorships affiliated with the Center for Healthy Minds in School of Human Ecology, Letters & Science, School of Education and possibly the School of Medicine and Public Health. The Center has planned a partnership with the Department of Psychology for space and resources.

There will be no changes in the funding of graduate students. Graduate students researching with the Center for Healthy Minds are enrolled in existing graduate programs that coordinate with the Center. Faculty members' tenure homes are in departments; the Center will not serve as a tenure home. The director of the Waisman Center supports the move of the Center for Healthy Minds to the College of Letters & Science.

**Motion to establish the Center for Healthy Minds. Motion by Miller, seconded by Blair. Approved unanimously.**

8. Rename the Department of African Languages and Literature to the Department of African Cultural Studies (UDDS A4806), College of Letters and Science. This action is effective July 1, 2016. Presenters: Tejumola Olaniyan, Chair, African Languages and Literature; Susan Zaeske, Associate Dean, Letters & Science. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.07

This is a part of a series of restructuring in the arts and humanities. The name change reflects the new research and curricular focus of the department. The department is taking a more holistic view of African culture rather dividing research and curriculum into languages, literature, and linguistics.

**Motion to rename the Department of African Languages and Literature to the Department of African Cultural Studies. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Miller. Approved unanimously.**

9. Merger of Departments of German, Scandinavian Studies, and Slavic Languages & Literature to become the Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic (GNS). This action is effective July 1, 2016. Presenters: Thomas DuBois, Professor, Scandinavian Studies; Jolanda Vanderwal Taylor, Professor, Chair, German; Manon van de Water, Professor, Slavic Languages & Literature; Susan Zaeske, Associate Dean, Letters & Science. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.08

This effort has been underway for many years with a great deal of discussion and thought. The merger will increase administrative efficiencies and create a more robust executive committee. The three departments have geographic, cultural and historical points of intersection. The new department will honor the integrity of the subjects and instructional programs that are currently associated with the three departments. Increased collaboration in teaching is planned; especially in foreign language pedagogy. All departments are housed in the Van Hise building, but German is located several floors away from the others- reorganizing for contiguous space is planned in the future. The UAPC discussed a number of points related to similar mergers at other universities and discussed how university staff positions will be impacted by the department merger.

**Motion to merge the Departments of German, Scandinavian Studies, and Slavic Languages & Literature propose to combine into one department called the Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic (GNS). Motion by Karpus, seconded by Miller. Approved unanimously.**
10. Merger of the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature and the Department of Languages & Cultures of Asia, to become the Department of Asian Languages & Cultures. This action is effective July 1, 2016. Presenters: Rania Huntington, Chair, East Asian Languages and Literature; Junko Mori, Professor, East Asian Languages and Literature; Ellen Rafferty, Chair, Languages and Cultures of Asia; Susan Zaeske, Associate Dean, Letters & Science. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.09

Merging the East Asian Languages & Literature and Languages & Cultures of Asia departments will create a more robust executive committee and emphasize trans-Asian collaboration. The new department will address the suspended Languages and Cultures of Asia majors as a part of planning the departmental program array.

Motion to merge the Department of East Asian Languages and Literature and the Department of Languages & Cultures of Asia, to become the Department of Asian Languages & Cultures. Motion by Karpus, seconded by Miller. Approved unanimously.

11. Rename the School of Music to the Mead Witter School of Music, College of Letters and Science. This action is effective July 1, 2016. Presenters: Susan Cook, Director, School of Music; Susan Zaeske, Associate Dean, Letters & Science. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.10

The renaming of the School of Music recognizes the significant support provided by the Mead Witter Foundation for a new music building.

The UAPC discussed the precedents for other named buildings and academic units on campus. Most named buildings and academic units are honorific; however, some buildings and academic units have been named as a result of philanthropy and this practice is expected to increase in coming years.

Motion to rename the School of Music to the Mead Witter School of Music. Motion by Jackson, seconded by Blair. Approved unanimously.

12. Discontinue the Neurobiology option in the Biology major, offered jointly by the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and the College of Letters & Science. Spring 2016 will be the last term that students will be permitted to declare the Neurobiology option; the teach-out plan allows students to continue until Summer 2019, which will be the last semester for students to be enrolled in or be awarded the named option. Presenters: Donna Fernandez, Chair (L&S), Biology Major; Kelley Harris-Johnson, Biology Major Program Manager; John Karl Scholz, Dean, Letters & Science. UAPC Doc 2015.12.17.11

The Neurobiology Major was approved at UAPC in June 2015 and by the Regents in October 2015. The new major will begin enrolling Letters & Science students in Fall 2016. There are approximately 400 students currently in the Neurobiology option of the Biology Major. Students may remain in the option until Summer 2019 or declare the Neurobiology Major. Undeclared students interested in the Neurobiology Major will be encouraged to declare the Biology Major with a Neurobiology option in the spring 2016. This will provide them with specialized advising and timely updates regarding the new major.

Motion to discontinue the Neurobiology Option in the Biology major. Motion by Blair, seconded by Jackson. Approved unanimously.

Adjourned: 4:35