



College of Engineering
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 17, 2023
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
ROOM 4610 EH

attendees: O. Alagoz, S. Babcock, W. Block, E. Boberly, C. Castro, L. DeBaillie, S. Hagen, G. Harrington
D. Lynn, M. Malkin, K. Prem, X. Qian, I. Robertson

absent: C. Hegna, D. Ludois, D. Noyce, O. Schmitz, C. Walters, A. Whitehorse

Announcements/Approve April Minutes

April minutes approved by consent.

Feedback on Tuition/Service-Based Pricing Program Policy

Sara Hagen and Lee DeBaillie met with APIR, DCS, Budget Office and VCGRE representatives to discuss CoE concerns regarding the proposed policy changes related to 131 courses.

The 750 credit/year requirement will be included in the policy, however, may not be strictly enforced if programs can show financial viability.

Agreed to allow any course to count toward completion of the program if the student and advisor agree and an MOU is in place for instructor compensation. Programs need to explicitly define, in Guide, which courses are required and which are electives. Schools/Colleges will be asked to identify programs that will allow for broader course selection.

Clarification is still needed on the advising requirement that states advising can't be supported solely on 101 funds.

Students will be able to complete a graduate certificate program along with their other program, but are not allowed to complete a capstone certificate. Next step is to UAPC.

Review of APC By-Laws Revisions

Motion to clarify the timeline of adding agenda items and circulation of agendas by including "business" to the five-day statement passed unanimously.

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Motion to amend the membership of the APC to limit the dean and associate deans representatives to no more than one-third of the membership total passed unanimously.

ISyE Five-Year Program Reviews:

- Human Factors & Health Systems MS named-option
- Systems Engineering & Analytics MS named-option

The committee found the two named-options to be successful programs, both financially and academically and recommend that the programs continue. Students find the program valuable and the faculty approachable and accommodating.

Some recommendations include:

- Provide more assistance in obtaining internships. A new position to be filled which will focus on jobs and internships for the accelerated master programs in the college.
- Provide information on when courses are offered to allow students to be better informed and manage their coursework.
- Develop marketing and branding of the programs to differentiate from other Data Science programs at UW-Madison.
- Consider partnerships with Epic Systems, SMPH and Psychology

The inclusion of the GFEC rep and other review committee was inadvertently overlooked with completing the review. Committee chair to contact the GFEC rep.

Motion to approve the review committee report passed unanimously.

Revisions to Endowed Named Faculty Reappointment Guidelines

Motion to recommend the revisions to the endowed Named Faculty guidelines did not pass.

Vote: yes-0; abstain-2; no-6.

The committee suggests allowing more flexibility in the renewal submissions than the guidelines outline. Not sure all the requirements are necessary; not sure what problem the revisions are addressing. Suggestion to purchase software that keeps track of the information requested. Also suggested using the post-tenure review for this information.

College Update: Building, Strategic Plan, DEI changes, AY23-24 topics for APC

New building will be Interdisciplinary with space assigned by similar research uses and needs, not necessarily assigned to a department. The ME and MSE building names won't change.

The Joint Finance Committee is expected to meet in June to determine state funding.

The top floor to be used for industry-university partnerships, providing space for companies.

10% of the design is completed; now working towards 35%. The bar space is designed to afford flexibility to meet current and future research needs. The supplemental building will hold classrooms.

The first floor of Wendt to be remodeled; may move advisors to Wendt. Other campus spaces that are still under discussion for CoE use include the Medical Sciences building, McCardle Labs, Computer Science building as well as space in the new Research Park building.

The external facing version of the strategic plan is posted. Still working to identify how to measure and display progress internally.

UW System directed the removal of the diversity statement requirement in PVLs going forward. It does not affect PVLs currently posted. If statements are submitted, can't be used in assessing the candidate. Can be asked in interviews if each candidate is asked the same question. Can share a sample set of questions beforehand, but don't share all questions.

With the appointment of the new provost, there may be changes next year. Budget allocation may move to a more hybrid model, some legacy distribution along with activity-based allocations. Units will be expected to pay more expenses. The campus and CoE will need to identify ways to fund smaller units that may not receive much funding from the activity-based allocation method.