

ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, March 19, 2025
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
ROOM 3609 EH

Approval of the minutes from January meeting *J. Luedtke*

1. Approved by general consent

Approvals (40 min)

S. Hagen

1. Suspend (Fall 2025) and discontinue (Fall 2027) Technical Communication Certificate (Laura Grossenbacher)
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=211>
 - a. Laura provided update and answered questions regarding program
 - b. Motion to approve the proposal to discontinue the program:
 - i. Vote: 4 in favor; 2 opposed; Motion passed
2. MARC to SHRC Center Proposal (Xiaopeng (Shaw) Li and Greg Harrington)
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/miscadmin/?key=266>
 - a. Shaw Li presented proposal to rebrand MARC as Smart Highway Research Center (SHRC)
 - b. See attached slides.
 - c. Motion to approve proposal.
 - a. Vote: 6 in favor; 0 opposed; Motion passed
3. Notice of Intent: Establish a BS-Aerospace Engineering (Greg Nellis)
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/miscadmin/?key=281>
 - a. Greg provided update and answered questions regarding NOI
 - b. Motion to approve NOI
 - a. Vote: 7 in favor; 0 opposed; Motion passed
4. L&S: MS-Quantum Computing
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1469>
 Note: ECE has sent their message of support
 - a. Discussed NOI for MS-Quantum computing. ECE has already sent support.
5. L&S: Create new Department of Biology by combining Botany and Integrative Biology (formerly Zoology)
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/miscadmin/?key=279>
 - a. Discussed creation of new department
6. CALS: Life Sciences Communication Program Name Changes
<https://uwmadison.app.box.com/file/1799028823025>

- a. Discussed changing name of Life Sciences Communication

2:15-2:20pm

FYI Items (5 min)

S. Hagen

1. L&S: Ugrd Certificate in Geospatial Data Science
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1445>
 - a. CoE has already conveyed support. CEE was asked to weigh in.
2. L&S: Ugrd Certificate in Business Spanish
<https://next-guide.wisc.edu/programadmin/?key=1504>
 - a. CoE has already conveyed support.

2:20-2:30pm

Regulations update

K. Prem

1. Regulations were discussed at past meeting, but we did not have full proposed language.
2. Discussed changes to language.
3. Kathy asks you to review the document and bring any feedback to the next meeting.

2:30-2:40pm

Program Reviews Questions or Updates

S. Hagen

1. Ugrd Sustainability Certificate - Steve Loheide, chair (due Apr 1)
 - a. Met with director, surveyed students, and just needs to write report.
2. Design + Innovation MS - Wally Block, chair (due Apr 2)
 - a. Met with Trudy and meeting soon as core faculty.
3. BME Accelerated & MSBIDE review - Krishnan Suresh, chair (due May 8)
4. Geological Engineering Grad Programs-Jim Luedtke, chair (Due May 8)
 - a. Met with faculty, staff, students and leadership. Had committee meeting to discuss writing.
5. ME Accelerated MS - Benedikt Geiger, committee member (due May 15)
 - a. Meeting in two weeks. Doug Weigman is chair.

Self Studies

Due May 1, 2025

- Civil & Environmental Engineering: Professional MS
- Electrical & Computer Engineering: Professional MS
- Engineering: Polymer Engineering MEng
- Polymer Processing & Manufacturing Capstone Certificate
- Powertrain Electrification Capstone Certificate

Due May 1, 2026 (send names of committee members by Apr 18)

- Electrical Engineering: Machine Learning and Data Science BS
- Computer Engineering: Machine Learning and Data Science BS
- Engineering Mechanics: Aerospace Engineering MS

- Applied Engineering Management Capstone Certificate

Announcements:

- Minutes of the APCRC meetings are available on the [APCRC website](#).
- Course proposals for the May APCRC meeting are due by April 14. This is a recommended date for Spring 2026 course change proposals.
- Please talk to Sara Hagen about any new programs for Fall 2026 or 2027.

Adjourned 2:54pm