



College of Engineering
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
ROOM 3609 EH

attending: O. Alagoz; S. Babcock; W. Block; R. Bonazza; L. DeBaillie; G. Harrington; E. Harris;
D. Ludois; D. Lynn; D. Noyce; X. Qian; I. Robertson; M. Romero; O. Schmitz; J. Sheridan;
A. Whitehorse
absent: C. Brace; E. Borbely; D. Henderson; C. Walters
guest: Christian Franck

Announcements

May 2021 meeting minutes approved

Center for Traumatic Brain Injury Proposal

Christian Franck presented a proposal to develop the Center for Traumatic Brain Injury. The proposed center will allow for greater interdisciplinary collaboration across campus and may provide opportunities for funding from additional funding sources.

Motion to recommend endorsement of center proposal passed unanimously.

Remote Work Policy

The CoE remote work policy made effective in July 2021. CoE needed to develop and adopt the policy quickly to meet campus deadlines.

The pilot program allows staff in certain job functions to work up to 2 days remotely. About 112 individuals are currently approved to work remotely. The pilot program will run through December. Supervisors are tasked with identifying the criteria and metrics used to assess the success of the program. Assessment may result in discontinuing the program, continue as is, expand the program to additional job functions and/or increasing the number of days worked remotely. Expansion may lead to recapture and re-use of space; may move to hoteling space vs. individual offices.

Some concerns raised regarding remote work include: effective onboarding of employees, maintaining collegiality, career progression, effects on diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

Differences in remote work opportunities across campus units leading to staff leaving CoE for other units.

WISC Partners/Faculty Consulting

CoE has established a partnership with WISC Partners, a venture capital firm, to provide an opportunity for faculty to serve as consultants to companies in the WISCPartners portfolio. CoE to receive funds to help run the program. Those faculty members participating will receive payments dependent on the level of involvement. The college, department and faculty will receive a percentage of the profits when the company is sold.

Please keep confidential until the announcement is made by WISC Partners.

This effort will be considered part of the faculty service component and so would not violate the conflict of commitment policy. It is anticipated that this consulting activity would not be a large time commitment. There is no expectation for faculty to participate.

CoE is considering expanding this effort to other companies by establishing a consulting office. This office would identify faculty members to serve as consultants as well handle the administrative tasks.

Establish Program Review Committees

Industrial & Systems Engineering – MS/PhD programs

APC representatives: Sue Babcock; Riccardo Bonazza (*chair*); Elizabeth Harris
suggestion to invite: Michael Ferris (CS), Lindsey Steege (Nursing)

Engineering Physics – MS/PhD programs

APC representatives: Wally Block; Xiaoping Qian (*chair*)

Materials Science & Engineering – MS/PhD programs

APC representatives: Oguz Alagoz (*chair*); David Lynn
suggestion to invite: Mark Eriksson (Physics); Bob Hammers (Chemistry)

Master of Engineering-Engineering programs

APC representatives: Lee DeBaillie (*chair*); Greg Harrington

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 20

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM