



College of Engineering
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM
ROOM 3609 EH

attending: O. Alagoz; S. Babcock; W. Block; E. Borbely; C. Castro; L. DeBaillie; G. Harrington; D. Ludois; D. Lynn; M. Malkin; J. Notbohm; D. Noyce; X. Qian; I. Robertson; M. Romero

absent: D. Henderson; O. Schmitz; C. Walters; A. Whitehorse

others: S. Hagen, F. Pfefferkorn; D. Scheufele, CALS; T. Wagner, CALS; S. Owczarek, Registrar; W. Fritz, DCS

Announcements/Approval of January Meeting Minutes

January meeting minutes approved unanimously.

Materials Science & Engineering Graduate Programs Review

The program review committee found the MSE Master and PhD programs to be meeting the programs objectives and the transition from two programs to one program was handled well. The review committee made a few recommendations to the department.

Motion to recommend acceptance of the program review passed unanimously.

Suspend admissions: M.S. Manufacturing Systems Engineering

Due to low enrollment, ME requests to suspend admissions to the on campus MS Manufacturing Systems Engineering degree program starting Fall 2022.

Motion to recommend suspension of admissions to the MS Manufacturing Systems Engineering degree program passed unanimously.

Proposed Undergraduate Certificate in Science Communication, CALS

The proposed certificate in Science Communication differs from the Technical Communication certificate offered by the College of Engineering due to the focus on the science of science communication and doesn't require technical proficiency courses, so there is no overlap with CoE Technical Communication certificate.

Motion to recommend support for the Undergraduate Certificate in Science Communication passed unanimously.

UW-Madison Badging Policy

Scott Owzcarek, Registrar and Wendy Fritz, DCS presented the draft of the campus Badging Policy. These badges are non-credit credentials that signify a mastery of competencies in a subject area. As there is growing interest in badges, the policy outlines the standards for what constitutes a badge and other requirements regarding badges.

There was concern raised regarding section H. and I. of the policy. As the badges are non-credit, they should not be included in Guide as only information on degree programs should be included in Guide.

There is discussion of developing a “comprehensive learning record” which would capture co-curricular activities outside of the student’s coursework.

Inclusion, Equity and Diversity Training

More newspaper articles may soon be published regarding additional hostile and intimidating behavior incidents here in CoE as well as across campus.

There is support for regular, on-going IEDE training and activities for faculty and staff as part of the efforts to improve the culture and climate in the college. Chris Castro to develop ideas and bring back to APC.

Building Update

The design process for the original “phase 1” of the building has been halted. There is a request to System for one replacement building at a cost of \$300M with funding to be split 50/50 between state funds and gift funds. There is legislation circulating in the State Assembly and Senate for a request of \$1M for design of building.

The utility project to be moved to the east side of the Materials Science & Engineering Building, necessitating removal of the addition.