



**College of Engineering**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

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

Attendees: O. Alagoz; D. Anderson (for D. Ludois); S. Babcock; W. Block; R. Bonazza; E. Borbely;  
C. Castro; L. Debaillie; S. Hagen; G. Harrington; D. Lynn; D. Noyce; K. Prem; X. Qian;  
I. Robertson

Absent: M. Malkin; O. Schmitz; C. Walters; A. Whitehorse

Guests: Amanda Smith; Parmesh Ramanathan; Marcy Carlson

Announcements/Approve October Minutes

Motion to approve October meeting minutes passed unanimously

Rules Governing Adding Agenda Items Discussion

It was discussed and agreed to add the following statement to the APC by-laws:

*Elected members of the APC may add items to the agenda at least 5 days in advance of the meeting by contacting the dean, the dean's staff liaison to the council, and the council chairperson. Items may be added to the agenda on the day of the meeting, but no action may be taken on such items until the following meeting.*

Remind APC members at the first meeting of the year as well as other reminders throughout the academic year. This pertains to APC members only.

Graduate School Update

Parmesh Ramanathan and Marcy Carlson, associate deans from the Graduate School, provided an update on Graduate School activities.

- Currently undergoing a strategic planning process; next steps is to send draft to stakeholders. Please provide feedback if requested.
- Transfer credit policy adopted last year. In the past, there were issues with transfer credits not recorded in student's record. New tool will be available in January where both transfer credits and credits for courses taken at UW will be entered.

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- The Graduate School would like feedback on the Delta Program. The program was transferred to the Graduate School. Do schools/colleges view the program as still valuable? The Graduate School will need support from campus to continue the program. APC members agreed it is a valuable effort.
- RA rates increased 10% this year. TA rates benchmarked against peers and found UW rates are below the median rate of AAU public institutions. Provost sets TA rates and the grad school adjusts RA rates base on TA rates.

The concern raised with these increases is that most TAs in the College of Engineering are paid on 131 funds. Campus contributions would only cover those TA positions funded on 101 funds. Without any additional support from campus, the end result is a budget cut to CoE of approximately \$300,000. CoE would like to find a better way to handle these increases.

Parmesh to confirm the data provided to the provost included appointments on all funds.

Suspend and discontinue Mechanical Engineering: Automotive Engineering, M.S.

Motion to recommend suspension of admissions and discontinuation of degree program passed unanimously.

Suspend and discontinue Engineering: Engineering Management, M.Eng.

Motion to recommend suspension of admissions and discontinuation of degree program passed unanimously.

Undergraduate Certificate in Engineering Data Analytics

ISyE along with ECE is proposing an undergraduate certificate in Engineering Data Analytics to be offered to College of Engineering students starting Fall 2023. Motion to recommend approval of the undergraduate Certificate in Engineering Data Analytics passed unanimously.

Wisconsin School of Business for M.S. in Business: Data, Insights, and Analytics

As was discussed during the Notice of Intent for this degree program, the college does not object to the program but does have some concerns regarding the partnership with EdEx. The concerns center around the pricing structure for tuition, conversion of non-credit courses to for-credit and the scalability of the program. The college would like to have a broader, campus-wide discussion on these issues. Ian to bring to the provost.

There was a suggestion to add “business” before “analytics” in the program title to better distinguish the program.

Motion to recommend providing a letter of support for the program, noting the above concerns, passed unanimously.

March 2023 meeting rescheduled to March 22, 2023 due to Spring Break.

### New Building Update

A/E firm engaged; standing meetings begin November 17. Meeting and committee structure proposed by a/e firm. There will be two all-day meetings approximately every 3 weeks with the larger group with the core leadership team meeting every 2 weeks. Members of the affinity groups only need to attend their affinity group meeting and should attend the de-briefing sessions.

The core leadership team (members of the a/e firm, Ian, David, FP&M rep, DOA rep) will make the decisions in an effort to make quicker decisions. Individuals can send input to David, Ian or Pete Nemmetz.

APC, CASI reps are invited to attend the de-briefing sessions at the end of the second day of the two-day meetings.

Forums will also be held with all faculty/staff and students to provide an update on the building design. The a/e firm will attend some of these forums.

Some options being considered to help with the loss of space with the demolition of 1410 Engineering Drive include: expand remote work opportunities; rental of research space off campus; available space in the new University Research Park; move some research to McArdle lab building.