

**University Academic Planning Council
Annual Report to the Faculty Senate
1998-99**

Functions

The University Academic Planning Council (UAPC) meets regularly to advise the chancellor and provost on major program decisions, long term academic plans, and associated campus development and budgetary policies. It addresses university academic issues and provides for faculty participation in long range planning; assures that appropriate review and consideration is given to requests for new programs and the implementation of proposals for new majors, degrees, schools or colleges; makes recommendations concerning the establishment or discontinuation of departments; and makes recommendations concerning the evaluation of academic programs.

The UAPC meets once a month during the academic year and as needed during the summer. Both outgoing members and new members attend summer meetings to provide for continuity. Meeting notes are available for all UAPC meetings.

Activities and Issues

Policy and Planning Discussions During 1998-99

The UAPC addressed the following topics during the past year.

- Reviewed the report from the Subcommittee on Budget, Planning and Analysis on faculty salary funding.
- Reviewed UW-Madison's grading policies and examined current grading patterns.
- Discussed the UAPC policy on low enrollment and reviewed current trends in low enrollment majors.
- Examined trends in the increasing and declining areas of students' academic interest by examining areas in which enrollment and degrees have been increasing or decreasing.
- Reviewed the implementation of the general education requirements and examined student course-taking patterns in fulfilling these requirements. The Council looked at whether an adequate number of sections for fulfilling these requirements were being offered, with particular attention to the number of sections fulfilling the Communications B requirement.
- Received several summaries of the UW-Madison's budget requests to the State and discussed how these were likely to proceed through the UW System Administration, the UW Regents, and the political process.
- Began discussing the academic implications of UW-Madison's rising admission standards.

The new process for routing proposed changes to graduate-level programs through university committees, established last year, was again used successfully. Graduate-level programs are reviewed and approved by the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee (GFEC) and then routed to the UAPC for ratification, eliminating the redundancy of having two campus-wide committees (both the UAPC and the GFEC) scrutinize academic program changes for graduate level programs.

Academic Program Changes From July 1998 through June 1999

The University Academic Planning Council considered and recommended the formal academic actions and changes presented below. Frequently the consideration of new programs or changes in programs led to an in-depth evaluation and discussion of academic planning issues as a context for the approval.

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Majors and Degrees

Approved the request for an entitlement to plan a B.S. in Engineering Physics.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of an entitlement to plan an M.A. in Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of an entitlement to plan a professional Masters of French Studies (a capstone Masters program).

Approved the authorization to implement a B.S. in Computer Engineering.

Approved the authorization to implement a Master of Physical Therapy.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the joint review and recommendation to continue the M.S. in Conservation Biology and Sustainable Development.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the joint review and recommendation to continue the M.A. in Southeast Asian Studies.

Approved the phase-out of the B.A./B.S. in American Institutions.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the proposal to phase-out the M.S. in General Home Economics.

Approved the renaming of the undergraduate major and degree in Medical Technology to Clinical Laboratory Science (Medical School).

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the proposal to restructure the graduate degrees in the School of Human Ecology. The Ph.D. majors in Child and Family Studies and Textiles and Design become concentrations in a consolidated Ph.D. in Human Ecology. The M.S. majors in Consumer Sciences, Child and Family Studies, Interior Environments, and Textiles and Clothing become concentrations in a consolidated M.S. in Human Ecology.

Approved the extension of the undergraduate Biology major in the School of Education (B.S.-Education degree) to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (B.S.-Natural Sciences degree) and the College of Letters and Science (B.S. degree).

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the proposal to rename the School of Business' Master's level major in "Business: Diversified" to "Business: General Management".

Approved the extension of the undergraduate Individual Major to the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the proposal to rename the degree majors in the LaFollette Institute: M.A. in Development Policy and Public Administration renamed to Master of International Public Affairs (major will also be International Public Affairs); M.A. in Public Affairs to Master of Public Affairs (major will continue to be Public Affairs).

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Sub-majors/Options

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of two options under the M.S. in Environmental Monitoring. Option 1, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Science and Technology (current curriculum). Option 2, Remote Sensing and Spatial Information Management (new curriculum focusing on management issues).

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of named options in the Languages and Cultures of Asia major as follows. The M.A. in Languages and Cultures of Asia, has two named options: "Languages and Cultures" and "South Asian Studies". The Ph.D. in Languages and Cultures of Asia, has four named options: "Languages and Literatures", "Civilization and Cultures", "Religious Studies", and "Buddhist Studies".

Certificates

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of the graduate certificate in Geographic Information Systems (the first of the graduate-level capstone programs to receive official approval).

Approved the undergraduate Certificate in French Studies for Business Students.

Ratified the Graduate Faculty Executive Committee's approval of a graduate Certificate in French Studies.

Departments

Approved the establishment of a new Department of Biomedical Engineering in the College of Engineering.

Centers and Institutes

New Centers Approved

Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy (WAGE).

LEAD (Learning through Evaluation, Adaptation, and Dissemination) Center.

Center for Women's Health and Women's Health Research.

Aquatic Sciences Center - formed as an umbrella administrative unit for the Sea Grant Institute and the Water Resources Institute

Center for Developmental and Molecular Toxicology

Centers Renamed

Center for Jewish Studies renamed to George Mosse/Laurence Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies

Institute on Aging and Adult Life renamed to the Institute on Aging

Water Resources Center renamed to Water Resources Institute

Note: A detailed review of the list of Centers and Institutes by school and college resulted in several corrections to center names. The review also identified 33 centers that were eliminated from the list because they are no longer active. For a current list of UW-Madison Centers and Institutes see <http://www.wisc.edu/opba>

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Future Issues

The UAPC will continue to address issues relevant to its mission of advising the chancellor and provost on university academic program issues. These issues are likely to continue to include exploring ways of promoting interdepartmental and cross-college programs; overseeing program review policies and the general education requirements; monitoring enrollment management and enrollment projections; advising on some budgetary issues; reviewing academic policies, for example completing the ongoing review of grading practices; and considering issues arising from the NCA reaccreditation site visit and the New Directions reaccreditation project.

Summary

In 1998-99 the UAPC addressed academic issues relevant to many aspects of its mission as defined by Faculty Policy and Procedures. Those issues include the continuing implementation of the general education requirements, the need to review or change grading policies, the budget priorities that are most important for maintaining the strength of the academic programs, and other academic issues. As part of its responsibility for "appropriate review and consideration of requests for new programs", the council acted on a large number of proposals as listed above.

University Academic Planning Council Membership 1998-99

David Ward, Chancellor

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