

ACADEMIC PLANNING COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, February 1, 2016, 10 – 11 a.m.
Wisconsin Idea Room

Present:

Diana Hess, Carolyn Kelley, Jeff Hamm

Department Representatives: Brad Brown, Eric Camburn, Gary Diffie, Erica Halverson, Bill Hoyt, Dan Lisowski, Adam Nelson, Ann Archbald, Jin-Wen Yu

Academic Staff Representatives: Ann Halbach, Robin Worth

The Academic Planning Council was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

A motion to approve the February agenda and the December minutes was moved by Adam Nelson, seconded by Jin-Wen Yu, and unanimously approved.

ELPA Review (Eric Camburn)

Eric presented ELPA's review and the department's responses to the suggestions the reviewers made (see attachments). All who helped with the departmental review were thanked. Eric discussed that ELPA has a fairly complex program with MS/PhD degrees and also provides certification for licensure for the principal, director of pupil services, director of instruction, and superintendent. The MS/PhD programs are organized into three tracks: K12 Leadership; Higher, Postsecondary and Continuing Education; and Educational Policy. The timeline of the review goes back to the spring of 2015. The GFEC is currently completing its supplemental review that is ongoing, but near completion. Jim Escalante is chairing the supplemental review. The external reviewers identified some opportunities for growth including a recommendation to have a leader named for each of the three strands. These leaders were selected in January of 2017. The Council's questions and feedback included the need to clarify the difference in EPS and ELPA policy tracks and differences between policy courses across departments. ELPA and EPS are working closely and cooperatively to define the policy curriculum.

Theatre & Drama Review and Response (Ann Archbold)

Ann presented the Theatre and Drama Department's review and response (see attachments). The review occurred at beginning of this calendar year. Conducting this review was very helpful and provided feedback to help with the development of a strategic plan for the Theatre & Drama department. The review took an in-depth look at coursework and opportunities for undergraduate students. It generated some concerns about the direction of the graduate program, and the possibility of revamping the program. Theatre & Drama agreed with 90% of what the reviewers pointed out from their review.

The Council's questions and feedback included:

- Conducting a six month or one-year check-in on the review may be helpful
- How could support from the School of Ed. and the institution play a role in the development of Theatre & Drama?

- Challenge of accountability with program reviews. The review is done, what happens next to address the findings?

Discontinuation of Undergraduate Secondary Education Majors and Minors (Jeff Hamm)

Jeff Hamm, the Associate Dean for Student Services, requested a discontinuation of undergraduate secondary education majors and minors. These undergraduate majors have been replaced by a graduate secondary education program. They were suspended pending assessment of the viability of the new graduate program. The program has been successful and the department is ready to discontinue these majors and minors. of admissions to the undergraduate Secondary Education program.

A motion to approve the discontinuation was moved and seconded, and unanimously approved.

Suspension of Admissions to Art Education (Doug Rosenberg)

Doug Rosenberg, Chair of the Art Department proposed to suspend admissions to Art Education immediately due to consistently low enrollment of the last 10 years and the loss of Art Education faculty and faculty lines. Rather than discontinue the program entirely, the Art Department wishes to suspend admissions while they look strategically and innovatively at how to provide this program.

A motion to approve the program suspension was moved by Erica Halverson, seconded by Dan Lisowski, and unanimously approved.

Academic Planning Council meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Minutes approved by Dean Diana Hess:

Minutes approved by Academic Planning Council: