

# ***UW-L Academic Planning Committee Meeting Minutes***

2/18/10

Members Present: Czerwinski, Frye, Seebach, Senger, Sudhakaran, Yu Chia-Chen, Kastantin  
Guest: Barbara Bennie, (mathematics department) and Rick Mikat (Exercise and Sports Science)

1. Meeting called to order, 3:25PM, 126 Wing by Senger (Chair).

2. Professor Bennie presented the mathematics department's proposal to rename the "major in mathematics with emphasis in statistics" to "statistics major." She explained that no new courses or faculty members would need to be added in order to effect the proposed change. The proposed name change would formally provide UW-La Crosse with a curriculum offering comparable to the statistics majors formally offered at comparator campuses, most notably Winona State University. It was noted, however, that within the UW system, only UW-Madison offers a statistics major. Action of the Academic Planning Committee would represent the early stages of the implementation of this major, which ultimately would need to go through approval by the UW system board of regents.

MSP to approve the requested changes.

3. Professor Makat provided information to the committee for a split of the Exercise and Sports Science major into two tracks: Fitness and Pre-Professional. The Fitness track is similar to the current ESS major. The Pre-Professional track provides those seeking advanced degrees the opportunity to prepare for advanced degree requirements while in the undergraduate Pre-Professional track. In the present single track program those who plan to seek advanced degrees must satisfy the ESS degree requirements and take the pre-professional courses to prepare for the advanced degree requirements. By splitting the major into two tracks, Pre-Professional track candidates reduce through-put time by approximately 3 semesters with a concomitant reduction in require credits to graduate. This split would result initially in reduce demand for some ESS courses but is expected to increase the number of students entering ESS to pursue the Pre-Professional track. It is not expected that any programs other than ESS would be affected by course enrollment decreases.

Certain science course requirements would change under the proposal to require those courses to be of host science department origin rather than the present ESS courses with similar contents. For example, for the Pre-Professional track candidates would be required to take BIO 312 and 313 rather than ESS 205 and 206.

MSP to approve the requested additions and changes.

MSP to approve the minutes of the 11/12/09 meeting

MSP to approve the minutes of the 12/10/09 meeting as edited

Minutes submitted by

Joseph T. Kastantin, Secretary who gratefully thanks Dr. Czerwinski for minute recording prior to Kastantin's arrival.

Next meeting: None scheduled, awaiting further proposals for consideration.

Meeting adjourned approximately 4:15 p.m.