

Academic Planning Committee Annual Report 2020-2021

Fall Semester:

In September and October, the APC met several times to review programs identified for elimination.

The APC recommended for elimination: MBA Finance, MBA Energy and PhD Statistics.

The APC recommended to be retained: : B.A. German, B.A. French, B.A. Secondary Education; Spanish, French, German Language Education, M.A. Political Science, M.A. International Studies and M.S. Architectural Engineering.

The APC recommended delaying discontinuation: M.S. and Ph.D. Entomology programs with a new design of the curriculum by May 2023.

The APC recommended that admissions for the M.S. Family & Consumer Science program not be suspended

The APC recommended the M.A. Sociology and M.A. Philosophy programs have discontinuance be delayed until their proposals have been seriously considered.

In November, the APC met twice to consider the School of computing proposal. The APC recommended approval of the revised proposal for the School of Computing.

Spring Semester:

In January, the APC was asked to review a proposal for a minor in Biomedical engineering. The APC typically does not review minors but we did not identify any red flags with the proposal and deferred to the department.

In March, the APC reviewed a proposal for a joint program between the law school and SER. The APC recommended approval of this program. . One Item of concern that was that in the past programs that had courses count as both undergraduate and graduate credit were limited to 12 hours. This proposal would have 31 hours count as both undergraduate and graduate. This is a significant departure from the past policy.

In March, the APC also reviewed a proposal for a University Graduate Certificate in Community & Public Health. The committee approved this proposal.

In April, the APC reviewed a proposal to create the School of Graduate education. The committee approved the proposal.

In April, the APC also review the proposal for a Bachelor's in Honors Interdisciplinary Arts & Science. The committee was concerned with the rigor of the program and was not convinced of the need for the program. The committee denied the proposal.