

Academic Planning Committee (APC) Annual Report 2023-2024

Fall Semester:

September 14th & 25th

The APC met and discussed a proposal for a B.S. in Ranch Management and Agricultural Leadership on September 14. We met again on the 25th with Kelly Crane and Steve Barrett who provided additional information on the proposal. With the additional information, the committee approved the proposal.

October 25th

The APC Discussed a B. S. in Applied Software Development on October 25. After receiving additional information to address our concerns the proposal was approved in December.

Spring Semester:

February 15th

The Academic Planning Committee (APC) met and discussed the programs identified as low producing programs that have been recommend to be discontinued. The list of programs are:

College of Agriculture, Life Sciences and Natural Resources

- B.S. in Zoology & Physiology-Discontinue

College of Arts and Sciences

- B.A. in French-Discontinue
- B.A. in German-Discontinue
- M.A. in Philosophy-Discontinue
- M.A. in Sociology-Discontinue
- B.A. in Psychology-Discontinue

College of Education

- Ph.D. in Educational Administration- Discontinue
- Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration-Discontinue
- M.S. in Instructional Technology-Discontinue
- Ph.D. in Instructional Technology-Discontinue
- Ed.D. in Adult & Post-Secondary Education-Discontinue
- Ph.D. in Education-Literacy Education-Discontinue
- Ph.D. in Education-Mathematics Education-Discontinue
- Ph.D. in Education-Science Education-Discontinue

College Engineering and Physical Sciences

- B.A. in Geology & Earth Sciences-Discontinue
- B.A. in Mathematics-Discontinue
- B.A. in Statistics-Discontinue

The committee is supportive the recommendation to discontinue the programs listed above with the following concerns.

On February 15th the APC also discussed proposed certificates in Agribusiness Leadership, Health Leadership, and Organizational Leadership. . Certificates are a new type of program for the APC to review. While the committee is not opposed to the certificates, we are concerned with how we should evaluate the proposed certificates.

General concerns about certificates:

1. Is there a university standard for certificates in general?
2. Are certificates in addition to an associate degree? Bachelor degree? Professional experience?
3. If professional experience is required, what is the application process?

Concerns for these certificates:

1. Is there a minimum education level (Associates degree, Bachelors degree) needed to enroll in the certificate program?
2. Is there a minimum rank of employment and/or years of experience needed to enroll in the certificate program?
3. Can students or professionals be enrolled in more than one certificate program at the same time?
4. Can classes within the certificate also count toward a UW degree and vice versa?

March 7th

The APC discussed a proposal for a B.A. in European Languages, Literature and Film Studies. The program requires no additional resources. The committee approved the proposal.