

**University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee
ACADEMIC PLANNING AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
2019-2020 Annual Report**

Members:

Name	Rank	Department	Term Ends
Timothy Dunn	FAC	Arts & Humanities	2022
Jennifer Herriges	AS	University Safety & Assurances	2022
Phillip Owens ¹	FAC	Mathematics & Naturals Sciences	2022
Ann Swartz	FAC	Kinesiology	2022
Barry Cameron, Co-Chair	FAC	Geosciences	2021
Rebecca Freer	AS	Dean of Students Office	2021
Gillian Rodger, Co-Chair	FAC	Music	2021
Gilberto Blasini ²	FAC	English	2020
Marcus Britton	FAC	Sociology (GFC Rep)	2020
Michael Carvan	FAC	Freshwater Sciences	2020
Mike Cosgrove	US	Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning	2020
Fred Helmstetter	FAC	Psychology	2020
Thomas LeBel ³	FAC	Criminal Justice & Criminology	2020
Tina Freiburger	FAC	Criminal Justice & Criminology (UC Rep)	2020
Keith Kunkel	AS	Lubar School of Business (ASC Rep)	2020
Peter Hinow	FAC	Mathematical Sciences (APCC Rep)	2020
Kaushal Chari	Dean	Lubar School of Business	2020
Paul Klajbor	Int Admin Officer	Academic Affairs (Provost Rep)	2020

1 Repl S. Decker (2022-A)

2 Repl S. Watson spring 2020 sabbat (2021-A)

3 Repl M. Haigh spring 2020 sabbat (2020-A)

Charter:

Functions/ Responsibilities:

A1.05 Academic Planning and Budget Committee

- (1) Membership. Nineteen members as follows: six faculty appointed by the University Committee, one from each of the five divisions including at least one of whom shall be a senator, and one member of the University Committee; one faculty elected by each of the five divisions; the chair

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of the Academic Program & Curriculum Committee; the chair of the Graduate Faculty
Committee; three members of the Academic Staff, two elected by the Academic Staff and one
member of the Academic Staff Committee; one University Staff member appointed annually by
the University Staff Council; and ex-officio, an academic dean and the Provost or designee.

(Document 2169, 12/17/98; UWM Administration, 12/30/98)

(Document 2277, 5/15/01; UWM Administration, 6/12/01)

(Editorially revised per Codification Committee, 4/26/02)

(Document 2377, 3/27/03; UWM Administration, 04/12/03)

(Document 2377R1, 10/19/17, UWM Administration, 11/3/17)

(Document 2377R2, 9/20/18, UWM Administration, 10/12/18)

(2) Functions. Makes recommendations to the faculty and to campus administration regarding (1) short range and long range academic plans for the campus that are consistent with the mission, and (2) budget implications for these plans.

a) Reviews long range plans regarding academic interests that are consistent with the mission of the schools and colleges and the campus;

b) Consults with administration of the university and of the schools and colleges over the budget model allocations;

(Document 2377R2, 9/20/18, UWM Administration, 10/12/18)

b) Advises faculty on issues related to budget and its impact on academic program quality, student retention, and development;

c) Reports to the Faculty Senate regarding both short and long range academic plans for the campus that are consistent with campus mission and budgetary implications of those plans;

d) Recommends and evaluates planning for new programs that are not the province of a single academic unit;

e) Represents the interests of the faculty to the Chancellor and Vice Chancellor and Provost regarding both short range and long range plans for the academic units and the budget implications of these plans;

f) Examines those actions taken by the Board of Regents, campus administration, or individual units on campus that impact the overall short range or long range plans for other academic programs on campus and the budget for the academic units;

g) Makes recommendations for faculty action;

h) Reviews university policies that impact the academic programs of the academic units and long range plans for these units;

(Document 1977, 5/11/95; UWM Administration, 6/14/95)

(Document 2169, 12/17/98; UWM Administration approval, 12/30/98)

(Document 2187, 4/15/99; UWM Administration approval, 5/1/99)

Meetings:

Fall Semester 2019

At the first meeting of the Fall semester, Barry Cameron and Gillian Rodger were elected co-chairs for the 2019/2020 academic year.

Much of the fall semester was taken up with the Budget process. On September 12, the Budget Advisory Team presented a training session to the whole committee to prepare the members to participate in the budget meetings that occurred during November and December. The committee co-chairs were also attending Budget Advisory Team meetings to determine the primary allocations for all units. There was very little formal business beyond reports from the Provost and discussions of the budget allocations and APBC meetings were canceled on October 10, November 7, and December 5.

During the first two weeks of November, one co-chair and one member of the committee were present at each of the fourteen meetings in which budget narratives and preliminary adjusted budgets were reviewed with each school. Meetings with the Central Support Units occurred on December 11-13.

The APBC met on Thursday Dec. 19 and considered a proposal for a Bachelor’s of Arts in Computer Science. This new program would provide students with marketable skills alongside an existing major, or two minor areas. Dr. Ethan Munson from the College of Engineering and Applied Science attended the meeting to answer questions about the proposed program. Overall, the proposal was well received by the committee and positive comments were forwarded to Dev Venugopalan, Vice Provost, Academic Affairs. The Budget Advisory Team, including the co-chairs of APBC, met on Friday, December 20 to discuss and finalize the adjusted budgets for Central Support and Infrastructure Units.

Spring Semester 2020

The APBC met on Thursday January 9 to listen to a presentation by Budget Advisory Team covering the final budget recommendations for Schools and Colleges as well as Central Support and Infrastructure Units. In January, the final budget recommendations will be communicated to Deans to start the process of developing cost cutting or revenue generating plans for their respective units.

Spring Semester Schedule of Meetings

Date	Location
January 23	LUBAR N440
February 6	LUBAR N440
February 20	LUBAR N440
March 5	LUBAR N440
March 26	LUBAR N440
April 9	LUBAR N440
April 23	LUBAR N440
May 7	LUBAR N440
May 21	LUBAR N440
June 4	LUBAR N440

After a hectic schedule of budget meetings with the Schools and Colleges and Administrative Units throughout the late fall semester and into January, the work of the committee has transitioned to its more traditional role of evaluating new program requests for the spring semester.

The January 23 APBC meeting was cancelled because there was no new business to discuss.

During February, the APBC met twice, once on February 6 and again bright and early on February 20. On both occasions the Provost was out of town on business, so there was no report from the Provost's office in February. On February 6, the committee considered a proposal for a new Bachelor of Arts in Digital Arts and Culture. This degree replaced an earlier interdisciplinary degree track and will allow students to take coursework from both within L&S and the Peck School of the Arts. The older Committee Interdisciplinary plan proved the need for this kind of program and the combination of academic and practical skills is seen as being attractive to students. Mike Darnell attended to answer questions, but the proposal was well received by the committee, and the APBC raised no objections or concerns about this proposal.

Moreover, Drew Knab provided the last financial training session for the committee during the February 6 meeting. He discussed the rationale used in drawing up the budget for the FY 20 budget, provided a revenue overview including demographic concerns, and discussed other factors such as accreditation. The aim was to provide a deeper context for the realignment of the budget in the coming year and going forward.

During the February 20 meeting, APBC considered a proposal for a new Bachelor of Science degree in Freshwater Sciences. The committee expressed overall support for the new undergraduate program as a response to student and market demand for workforce development in freshwater sciences. In the current budget climate, the committee did also express concern regarding the extra resources required to cover 3 FTE positions over a four year period. The committee acknowledged that future state support of the Freshwater Collaborative would complement and enhance the proposed undergraduate degree in Freshwater Sciences.

APBC met on Thursday, March 5 to discuss the proposed Master of Urban Design. Dr. Ivy Hu, chair of Urban Planning, attended the meeting to summarize the proposed degree and answer committee questions. The committee had strong support for the new program. The committee was especially pleased to see that the new program would be a collaborative effort between Architecture and Urban Planning. The committee was encouraged that the new program could recruit new students owing to the real possibility that most students could complete the degree in twelve months.

APBC again met on March 26 to consider a new PhD in Electrical Engineering. George Hanson and Ethan Munson were kind enough to sit in on the APBC Teams meeting and make opening remarks and answer questions. This is not a new degree, but rather more formal separation of an existing degree from a college-wide PhD program. This will enable Electrical Engineering to more effectively market the degree and recruit students, and the committee encouraged other areas within Engineering to similarly separate into discrete PhD degree programs. By formalizing the PhD in Electrical Engineering, the department would gain the independence to make informed decisions on matters such as total credits for the degree (66 versus 54), possible Minors in the degree, and make up of examining committees. There are no additional anticipated costs, and no additional faculty and staff needed, and the college anticipates the number of students remaining stable going forward. Overall, the APBC committee viewed the proposal for a PhD in Electrical Engineering favorably.

No new business surfaced for the scheduled Thursday, April 9 APBC meeting so it was cancelled to allow the Provost and members to focus on other critical university matters.

The APBC met on Thursday, April 23, 2020 to largely hear the Provost's update on the budget implications of the Covid-19 pandemic on UW-Milwaukee. The Provost reviewed the three possible scenarios for instruction

for the fall semester, and possible budget implications of each. There was a discussion on the action plan for online education at UWM that has been proposed by CETL. The Provost also provided the latest information on furloughs for UWM employees and their potential budget savings. There was a short discussion on the possible easing of research restrictions. The Provost continued to stress that recruiting efforts needed to be strong with a focus on southeastern Wisconsin owing to students likely staying closer to home during the pandemic.

The APBC meeting for May 7 was cancelled because there were no new program proposals for evaluation by the committee. Co-chairs Cameron and Rodger of APBC met with the Provost and Deans through the summer to stay informed on the ever-changing budget situation at UW-Milwaukee. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the FY21 budget required further cuts to make up for loss of revenues during the pandemic-altered spring 2020 semester. The budget process for FY22 has been initiated in August, which is earlier than normal.

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